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On January 23, 1962, AUSA [REDACTED] Chicago, advised captioned matter has now been assigned to him for review and recommendations. Stated presentation to FGJ has ceased pending his review and recommendations. Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Rerep of SA [ ] dated 2/7/62 at Chicago.

The results of additional investigation requested by the U. S. Attorney's Office, Chicago, to develop a possible Hobbs Act or other criminal violations should be made the subject of a separate case file and not reported as part of the captioned case file.

This additional investigation is to be given immediate and prompt attention.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	b6 b7C TYPED BY <b>lac</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated November 6, 1961,  
at Chicago.  
Chicago airtel to Bureau dated January 24, 1962.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct investigation requested by United States Attorney, Chicago.

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No leads are set forth for other divisions as they have been previously set forth by airtel.

Chicago will not arrange for a monitored telephone call between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without prior Bureau permission.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: February 7, 1962

Office: Chicago, Illinois

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Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, requested specific investigation in an effort to obtain Hobbs Act or other criminal violations against LEO RUGENDORF, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or others. Details of investigation requested set forth.

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DETAILS:

On January 31, 1962, a conference was held with United States Attorney JAMES P. O'BRIEN, First Assistant United States Attorney [redacted], and [redacted] [redacted], head of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the United States Attorney's Office. Present from the Bureau were SAC JAMES H. GALE, Supervisor OSCAR M. HUGHES, SA JOSEPH H. SERVEL and SA [redacted].

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At this conference it was stated that there is sufficient evidence at present to convict [redacted] and [redacted] of criminal violations of the National Bankruptcy Act.

Further investigation was requested in an effort to obtain possible Hobbs Act or other criminal violations against LEO RUGENDORF, [redacted], [redacted] or others. The investigation requested was as follows:

1. Give consideration to having [redacted] or [redacted] make a monitored telephone call to [redacted] in an effort to get [redacted] to reaffirm to them that he did receive a telephone call on March 9, 1961, from a person who claimed to be PHIL ALDERISIO, telling him to return the leasehold deposit to STERLING and HARRIS. [redacted] told [redacted] and [redacted] on March 11, 1961, that he had received such a call, but denied it to Bureau Agents and under oath before the bankruptcy hearing.

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2. Check with the Justice of the Peace at Northbrook, Illinois, to try to obtain the identity of the person supplying bail bond for the car hikers who transported the cars to Park City, Illinois, on March 6, 1961. If possible, obtain handwriting specimens of person putting up bond. Exhibit photographs of suspects.

3. Check with ADC to determine the date they mailed a warning notice to auto dealers to beware of purchasing missing Sterling-Harris Ford (SHF) cars. This is because

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[redacted] Wisconsin, stated that he was contacted by [redacted] to buy some cars "a week or two" before receiving the warning letter from ADC and the United States Attorney wants to pinpoint the time.

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4. Check at William Mitchell Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to see if RUGENDORF, [redacted] and [redacted] had reservations out of there on any airline on the night of March 6 or the early morning of March 7, 1961. This is to determine if they had a legitimate reason for being there.

5. If possible, determine if such companies as Sheridan Electric, Red Top Cab, Evanston Cab and Twin Foods in the past made purchases of cars for cash and if that was their normal way of making purchases.

At a conference in the afternoon of January 31, 1962, attended by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] and [redacted] of the Organized Crime Section, the following investigation was requested of SAs HENRY HIRSCHENBERGER and [redacted]:

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1. Reinterview [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]. The above investigation is to be held in abeyance pending [redacted] a Federal Grand Jury.

2. Obtain a list of employees of Twin Foods and Twin Distributing and interview logical ones to ascertain if the firms had need for the various trucks purchased, if they used them, if they were ever seen on the premises or if they were

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resold. Check with the Illinois Secretary of State to see if they have been sold.

3. Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] will review the Federal Grand Jury testimony [redacted]

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4. Locate and interview [redacted] to determine if he is the one who put up the bond of the car hikers at Northbrook on March 6, 1961, and, if so, why. If he denies it, exhibit his picture, RUGENDORF's, [redacted]'s, and ALDERISIO's to the Justice of the Peace at Northbrook.

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5. Obtain known specimens of [redacted]'s handwriting and have it compared with the registration card for [redacted] at the Schroeder Hotel and see if the FBI Laboratory can identify.

6. Obtain information regarding: J & R Leasing Company; is there such a company; who filed to use this as an assumed name. The cars transported to Park City had such hand printed signs on the windshields.

7. Ascertain if SHF filed a sales tax report for the cars sold in March, 1961, and see if the Secretary of State's Office has any documents showing that the sales tax was paid on each of the cars sold over the weekend on March 4-5, 1961.

The above investigation is being afforded immediate attention.

Date: 2/13/62

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Re report of SA [ ] dated 2/7/62  
 at Chicago.

Arrangements have been made by [ ]  
 [ ] to have [ ]  
 [ ] make telephone call to [ ] on 2/22/62 in  
 an effort to have [ ] re-affirm to [ ] that he did  
 in Chicago tell [ ] on 3/11/61, that he received  
 telephone call on 3/19/61 from person identifying himself  
 as PHIL ALDERISIO and telling him to return leasehold  
 deposit to Sterling-Harris.

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Request Bureau by return airtel to grant  
 permission for Bureau Agent to monitor this call  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>dmj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NBA</b>	b6 b7C

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/7/62 at Chicago, Illinois.

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Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

Car #3, Serial No. F10JOG19371 reported missing by ADC in error and was recovered by them in March, 1961. ADC cost on this car \$1,635.19 reduces total shortage to \$300,473.06. AUSA, Chicago expects case to be presented to Federal Grand Jury in April, 1962.

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DETAILS:

Date 3/28/62

[REDACTED] Associate Discount Corporation, (ADC), South Bend, Indiana, advised that a recheck of their records revealed that the 1960 Ford Truck, Serial Number F10JOG19371, which had previously been listed by ADC as a missing vehicle, had actually been recovered by ADC in March, 1961, and had been reported as missing in error.

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On 3/23/62 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290by SA HENRY HIRSCHENBERGER /dmj Date dictated 3/26/62

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Summary of Shortage

The cash and/or merchandise shortage had previously been reported as \$302,108.25. By reducing this amount by the ADC cost of \$1,635.19 for car #3, the shortage is reduced to \$300,473.06.

Prosecutive Opinion

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised on March 21, 1962 that this matter would be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Chicago at the same time as the case entitled [redacted]

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 3/28/62 at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow this matter with Assistant United States Attorney

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b7CReport of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: May 22, 1962

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL.

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: AUSA, Chicago, advised case to be presented to Federal Grand Jury early in June, 1962.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On May 18, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] advised SA HENRY HIRSCHENBERGER that it was planned to present this matter to a Federal Grand Jury early in June, 1962.

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## Memorandum

From ~~SAC~~ : SAC, Chicago

(Your file 49-2290

DATE: 5-15-62

To  
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by  
FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial  
(Room No. 49-15138  
7743)SUBJECT: Sterling - Harris Ford Agency, et al  
NBA

- ☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.
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- ☒ 2. Date ☐ letter ☐ submitted  
☒ report ☒ will be submitted 3/22/62  
Keep the Bureau more currently  
advised in this case.
- ☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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in June 1962
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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NBA</b>	

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow this matter with Assistant United States Attorney  and report prosecutive action.

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Office: Chicago

Date: 6/20/62

Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: Case being presented to Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On June 8, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] advised that this matter would be presented to a Federal Grand Jury [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that testimony had been taken on the days indicated and that further Grand Jury testimony was scheduled [REDACTED]

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

STERLING-HARRIS FORD,  
INC., ET AL  
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Article appearing in late edition of the "Chicago Daily News", June 27, 1962 reflected that [redacted] and [redacted] were incarcerated today in lieu of \$7,500 bond each.

For the information of the Bureau, article appears to relate to an order issued in 8/61 by Referee [redacted] ordering [redacted] and [redacted] to pay \$7,500 each to Bankruptcy Court as assets of the bankrupt corporation. [redacted] and [redacted] failed to comply with the court order and on this date they were found guilty in a civil contempt proceeding before Federal Judge EDWIN A. ROBSON. They were remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal in lieu of \$7,500 bond each. Later this date they were released on posting of \$7,500 bond each.

As the Bureau is aware these sums were part of the \$25,000 lease hold deposit of the premises occupied by Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., which was returned to [redacted] and [redacted] in 3/61 by [redacted] owner of the premises.

AUSA [redacted] advised that upon request of Judge ROBSON, he approved the bonds of both [redacted] and [redacted] and they were released 6/27/62.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE:  <b>NBA</b>	

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## Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: Chicago, Illinois.

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## Date:

July 18, 1962

## Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.: 49-15138.

## Title:

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL

## Character:

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

## Synopsis:

Evidence presented to Grand Jury during

Further [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On 6/27/62,  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] found guilty of civil  
contempt for failure to comply with court  
order that each turn over \$7,500 to bank-  
ruptcy referee and remanded to custody of  
USM. Released same date on \$7,500 bond.

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**DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

On June 27, 1962, [ ] and [ ] were found guilty of civil contempt by Federal Judge EDWIN A. ROBSON for failure to comply with a court order that they pay \$7,500 each to the Bankruptcy Court as they had been ordered to do by Referee [ ]. They were remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal (USM) at Chicago and later released on the same date on \$7,500 bond each pending an appeal.

The \$7,500 ordered turned over to the Bankruptcy Court represented the sums that [ ] and [ ] received as their part of the leasehold deposit on the premises occupied by the bankrupt corporation which deposit had been returned to them in March, 1961.

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On July 12, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [ ] stated that evidence had been further presented to the Federal Grand Jury during June, 1962, but no indictments were returned. He stated that further evidence will be presented to a subsequent Grand Jury, possibly in July, 1962.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

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Field Office File No.: 49-2290

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Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

[REDACTED] Assistant United States Attorney  
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had testified before the Federal Grand Jury  
on that date.

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On August 27, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney  
[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and  
that further developments would have to await the return of  
Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] from vacation  
on September 4, 1962.

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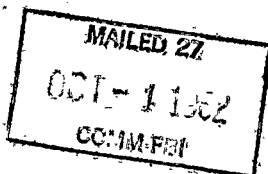
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Within five days of receipt of this communication furnish the Bureau with available photographs of the subjects involved in this case together with brief background and descriptive data.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>pma</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/30/62, at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow this matter with Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] and report prosecutive action.

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SA [REDACTED]

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Date:

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Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.:

49-15138

Title:

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character:

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, engaged in preparation work with view to seeking indictments.

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CG 49-2290

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On September 28, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that his office is presently engaged in preparation work with a view to seeking indictments in this matter and that no further investigation was desired.

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Date: 10/9/62

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           (OO: CHICAGO)

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago 10/4/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau's file are photographs  
 of [redacted] [redacted] LEO RUGENDORF and [redacted]  
 [redacted], all taken in 1961.

[redacted] and [redacted] were the  
 principals in Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated against  
 whom an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed  
 3/13/61.

LEO RUGENDORF and [redacted] were associates  
 in Twin Foods, Incorporated, a now defunct shortening  
 processing firm at Chicago and were with [redacted] and  
 [redacted] at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 3/6/61 when an attempt  
 was made to sell 114 of the Sterling-Harris cars. The  
 cars had been moved the ppreceding weekend from Chicago  
 to Park City, Illinois.

Rugendorf is a minor Chicago hoodlum reputedly  
 to be engaged in "juice" loans and has been identified as  
 the one in charge of moving the cars to Park City.

The Chicago file does not contain a description  
 of these individuals as all four declined to be interviewed  
 concerning this matter.

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ENCLOSURE: TO THE BUREAU FROM CHICAGO (4)

RE: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC. ET AL  
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Enclosed for Bureau's file are photographs of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEO RUGENDORF and [REDACTED] all taken

in 1961.

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LEO RUGENDORF

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Photo taken 1961

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TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		Report made by [Redacted]	b6 b7C
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CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>			

REFERENCE: Report of SA [Redacted] dated October 3, 1962, at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow this matter with Assistant United States Attorney [Redacted] and report prosecutive action.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: November 26, 1962

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Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: Assistant United States Attorney expects further  
Grand Jury presentation at a future date.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On November 21, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] Organized Crime Division, advised that his office is currently studying this matter and that it is anticipated that additional testimony will be presented to the Grand Jury at some future date which has not yet been determined.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>1/10/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/20/62 - 1/10/63</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>JAG</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow this matter with Assistant U.S. Attorney

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An attempt was made to contact Assistant U.S. Attorney  concerning this matter on December 20, 1962, but he was on leave until January 3, 1963.

On January 10, 1963, Assistant U.S. Attorney  Chief of the Organized Crime Division of the United States Attorney's Office, made available for review a nine page

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sworn signed statement dated December 14, 1962, which he had taken from [redacted] relative to his knowledge of this matter. Mr. [redacted] stated [redacted] had signed this statement only after he, [redacted] had promised him it would never be used unless another witness could be found to corroborate [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] said he did not want this statement reported or made an official part of the file.

The statement goes into great detail concerning

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The statement details the discussion of the [redacted]

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It also gives information concerning further attempts to [redacted]

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Report of:  
Date:SA [REDACTED]  
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Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On January 8, 1963, [REDACTED] Assistant U.S.  
Attorney, advised that his office was [REDACTED]b3  
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further Grand Jury testimony.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 1/10/63 at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow this matter with Assistant United States Attorney .

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The Attorney General

April 16, 1933

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Director, FBI

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STEELING - HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED; ET AL.  
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

[redacted] Staff Attorney, Associates Discount Corporation, South Bend, Indiana, advised our Chicago Office on April 10, 1933, of his intention to personally contact you in the very near future in an attempt to expedite the criminal prosecution in this case which involves the disposal of assets consisting of three hundred new and used automobiles in contemplation of bankruptcy by the principals of the captioned corporation.

According to [redacted] his associate counsel, [redacted] former Assistant U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, was recently advised by [redacted] Chief of the Organized Crime Division, U. S. Attorney's Office, Chicago, that he did not intend to seek indictments in this matter until just before the statute of limitations will toll, which will be in March, 1933.

[redacted] advised that Associates Discount Corporation, at the request of the U. S. Attorney, Chicago, has been holding in abeyance civil action seeking to recoup losses suffered from the wrongful disposal of the automobiles which were financed by Associates Discount Corporation.

The above is submitted for your information.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

2 - Mr. [redacted]  
Assistant Attorney General

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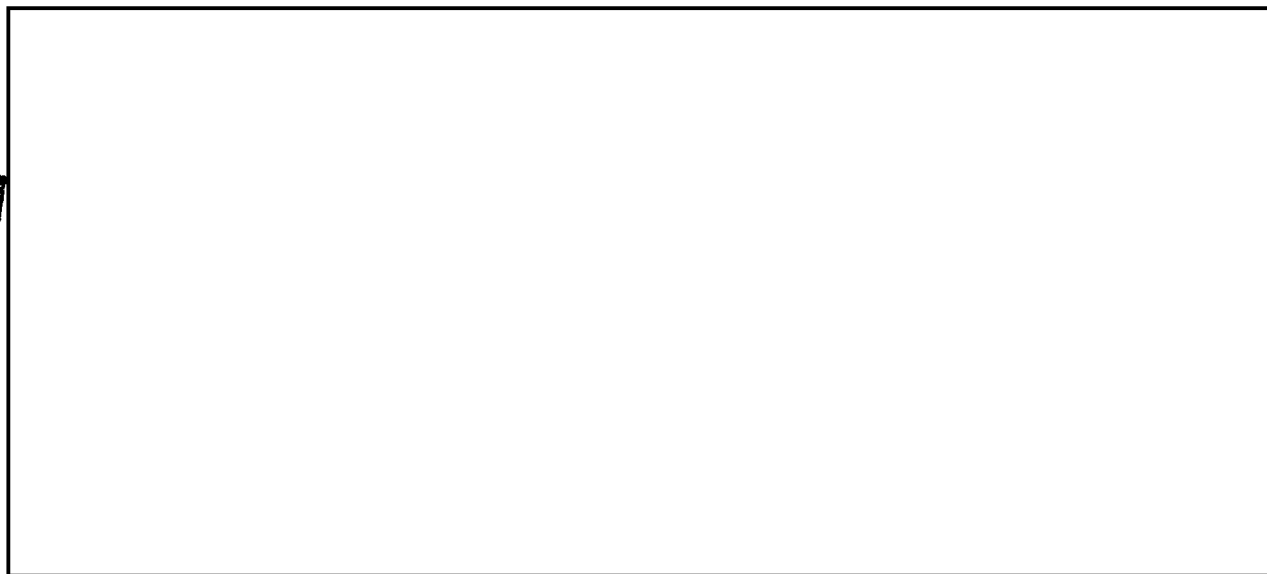
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The above information was furnished in Chicago airtel dated 4/10/63.



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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS, FORD, Inc.;  
ET AL  
NBA  
OO: CHICAGO

For the Bureau's information, [redacted] Staff Attorney, Associate's Discount Corporation (ADC) South Bend, Indiana, advised this date he intended, in the very near future, to personally contact Attorney General KENNEDY in Washington, concerning what he believed was unwarranted delay on the part of the USA, Chicago, in the prosecution of this matter. L

[redacted] advised that his associate counsel [redacted] former AUSA, Chicago, in a recent conversation with [redacted] Chief of the Organized Crime Division, USA, Chicago, had been told by [redacted] that [redacted]

[redacted] stated the purpose of his contacting the Attorney General will be an attempt to speed up criminal prosecution in this case because ADC, at the request of the USA, Chicago, has been holding in abeyance prosecution of its civil action against the principals in this matter for roughly half a million dollars until after the criminal case has been tried.

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Special Agent in Charge Memo to Attorney General 4/16/63 CTG: [Signature]



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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

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at Chicago.  
Chicago airtel to Bureau and Tampa dated  
4/29/63.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Follow this matter with  
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The Tampa Division was requested to attempt to  
ascertain the current address of  by airtel dated 4/29/63.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: April 29, 1963

Office: CHICAGO

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Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS  
FORD, INC.; ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: AUSA, Chicago, plans on interviewing [REDACTED] and  
desires to know current address of [REDACTED] so he can  
subpoena him before Grand Jury.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On April 23, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] stated he intended to interview [redacted] in this matter and also intended to subpoena [redacted] for appearance before a Federal Grand Jury at Chicago.

On April 26, 1963, he requested that the current address of [redacted] be ascertained so that a subpoena could be issued. He said the latest information he had concerning [redacted] was that [redacted] that he had worked there for an [redacted] agency and a [redacted] company (name unknown) [redacted] and that [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted].

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

RE: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL  
NBA  
(OO:CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 4/10/63.

On 4/26/63, [ ] former AUSA, Chicago, clarified information contained in referenced airtel.

[ ] stated he did not tell [ ] Staff Attorney, Associates Discount Corporation (ADC) that [ ] Chief, Organized Crime Division, USA, Chicago, had stated [ ]

[ ] said when he contacted [ ] regarding indictments in this matter, [ ] related this information to [ ] and when [ ] asked how long this matter could be delayed, [ ]

[ ] stated he and [ ] are still seriously considering contacting the Attorney General relative to delay in this matter, but would not do so without first advising [ ] of their intended action.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
SAC, TAMPA

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

RE: 0 STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL  
NBA  
(OO:CHICAGO)

On 4/26/63, AUSA [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, stated he desired current address of [redacted] be ascertained so he could be served with a subpoena for Grand Jury appearance, Chicago. He said [redacted] was last known to reside at [redacted]. He was employed there by [redacted] and also by [redacted] company (name unknown). [redacted] (name unknown) in vicinity [redacted].

Tampa at [redacted] Florida, attempt to ascertain current address of [redacted]; not necessary to interview; please expedite.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.; Et Al</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	b6 b7C TYPED BY <b>hak</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/29/63 at Chicago.  
Tampa airtel to Chicago, 5/20/63 (10).

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow this matter with  
Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED]

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Title:

STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED

Character:

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] subpoenaed to appear before  
Federal Grand Jury, [REDACTED]

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On May 22, 1963 Assistant United States Attorney  
[REDACTED] was advised that [REDACTED] was presently residing  
at [REDACTED] Florida.  
and was employed as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Florida.

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[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]  
had been subpoenaed [REDACTED] to appear before a  
Federal Grand Jury at Chicago on [REDACTED]. He said he  
desired no further investigation at this time.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>7/29/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/18/63</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	b6 b7C TYPED BY <b>ptc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 6/24/63,  
at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will contact Assistant United  
States Attorney  and follow prosecutive action.

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Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 49-2290

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Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: USA, Chicago desires no further investigation.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

On July 18, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] stated he desires no further investigation of this matter.

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He stated this case is being reassigned to Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] should be contacted in the future concerning this matter.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>9/30/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/30/63</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>bjz</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/29/63,

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action. AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will report prosecutive

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Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: AUSA, Chicago to present case to Grand Jury during  
Fall of 1963.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOISOn September 30, 1963, Assistant United States  
Attorney [REDACTED] stated he planned to present this  
matter to a Federal Grand Jury during the Fall of 1963.b6  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>11/8/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/5/63</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	b6 b7C TYPED BY <b>jas</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 9/30/63, b6  
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report  
Grand Jury action. 2

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 11/8/63b6  
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Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: [REDACTED] being  
subpoenaed for Grand Jury [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOISOn November 5, 1963, Departmental Attorney [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] said he was in the process of having  
subpoenas issued for Grand Jury appearance for [REDACTED]  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>12/30/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/27/63</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>hgz</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 11/8/63 at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report Grand Jury action.

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Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: Grand Jury proceedings to continue [REDACTED]

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOISb3  
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On December 27, 1963, Departmental Attorney  
[REDACTED] advised that Grand Jury hearings which  
were discontinued [REDACTED] would start again  
[REDACTED]

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Date: 2/17/64

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

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mz Rerep SA [ ] dated 12/30/63 at  
Chicago.On 2/17/64 Departmental Attorney [ ]  
[ ] confidentially advised that [ ]  
the FGJ [ ]  
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[ ] stated [ ]  
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b7CBureau will be advised of pertinent  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	b6 b7C
		TYPED BY <b>kmh</b>	
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

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Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

On 2/19/64, the Federal Grand Jury, Chicago, Illinois, returned a nine count indictment against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for violations of Sections 2 and 152 of Title 18, United States Code. On 2/20/64, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appeared before Federal Judge J. SAMUEL PERRY and were released on \$3,500 bond each.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On February 19, 1964, Departmental Attorney [ ]  
[ ] advised that the Federal Grand Jury had  
returned a nine count indictment against [ ]  
and [ ] for violations of Sections 2 and 152 of  
Title 18, United States Code.

[ ] was indicted on four counts of  
concealment of assets in contemplation of bankruptcy  
and four counts of concealment of assets after bankruptcy  
proceedings had been filed.

[ ] was indicted on three counts  
of concealment of assets in contemplation of bankruptcy  
and three counts of concealment of assets after bankruptcy  
proceedings had been filed.

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On February 24, 1964, Mr. [ ] advised  
that both [ ] and [ ] had appeared before Federal  
Judge J. SAMUEL PERRY on February 20, 1964, and were  
released on bond of \$3,500.00 each. He stated no date  
has been set for the arraignment.

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Date: 3-25-64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.,  
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NBA

On March 9, 1964, Departmental Attorney [redacted] presently on special assignment at Chicago, Illinois, advised he had been in correspondence with Departmental Attorney [redacted] at Washington, D.C., who had previously been handling this matter at Chicago. Mr. [redacted] desired the following additional investigation;

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. At the Schroeder Hotel, determine if a record is still maintained for the three long distance telephone calls made on 3/6/61 from Room [redacted] of [redacted] to Chicago Number [redacted]. If record maintained photostat same and arrange for preservation of original records for possible later use as evidence (See report of SA [redacted] dated 5/23/61 at Milwaukee).

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SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. 1. At the Office of the Secretary of State obtain exemplified copies of the Certificates of Origin for the 99 motor vehicles listed on pages three through ten of the indictment. A copy of the indictment is being forwarded to Springfield with this airtel for assistance in handling this request. The information in the indictment contains the date of the purchase, description of the vehicle and vehicle identification number, the name of the purchaser and the amount paid.

2. Mr. [ ] said that these exemplified copies should also contain all assignments reflected on the reverse side thereof. These exemplified copies are desired for use in evidence in federal court and the certifications must therefore comply with the requirements of Rule 44, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Mr. [ ] said that the copy of each Certificate of Origin, and assignments shown on its reverse side, must be attested by the officer having the legal custody of such record or by his deputy, under seal if such officer has a seal and accompanied by a separate certification by the Secretary of State under the Great Seal of the State, that such officer is the legal custodian of such record.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. From the office of Mr. [ ] Executive Officer, Department of Revenue, State of Illinois, Room 600, 160 North LaSalle Street, obtain exemplified copies of "Receipt for Payment of Use Tax" for the same motor vehicles as set forth for Springfield above.

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2. Locate and interview the following former employees of Apex Fibres Company to determine if they ever saw [ ] RUGENDORF or [ ] on the premises of Apex Fibres or if they ever observed any Sterling-Harris records on the premises. These names were furnished by [ ]

[redacted] - presently works with [redacted]  
[redacted] lives on [redacted] near Oscar Mayer Plant  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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3. Interview a representative number of people who owed money to Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated (SHF) to determine if there was any collection activity after bankruptcy on the part of [redacted], RUGENDORF or [redacted].

4. Analyze SHF records from inception through February, 1961 and as much as possible of March, 1961 for the purpose of showing monthly sales of automobiles and monthly profit and/or loss thus showing steady decline in sales and profits, insolvent condition shortly prior to bankruptcy, and inability of officers to meet obligations with bankruptcy the inevitable consequence of the final transactions.

5. Check the records of Illinois Bell Telephone Company to determine if a record is still maintained for toll call on 3/6/61 from home of [redacted] telephone number [redacted] to Waukegan, Illinois Number ON 2-2133, the number listed to the Park City Police Department, Park City, Illinois. If record maintained obtain copy and arrange for preservation of original.

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AT PARK CITY, ILLINOIS. Determine who received the above listed call and the substance of the conversation.

One copy of indictment for use in obtaining records is being sent to Springfield.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>6/19/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/9-6/15/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	b6 TYPED BY b7C <b>jas</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)</b>	

REFERENCES: Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 3/25/64.  
 Milwaukee letter to Chicago dated 4/22/64, (IO).  
 Chicago airtel to Omaha dated 5/6/64, (IO).  
 Omaha airtel to Chicago dated 5/12/64, (IO).  
 Springfield letters to Chicago dated 6/5 and 6/9/64, (IO).

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Contact Mr.   
 Executive Officer, Department of Revenue,  
 State of Illinois, Room 600, 160 North La Salle Street,  
 and obtain, when finished, exemplified copies or originals  
 of receipts for payment of Use Tax.

2. Interview   
 telephone  for exact addresses

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		NOTATIONS <i>[Handwritten notes]</i>	
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of former Apex Fibres employees. [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]  
Determine [redacted] if these persons were employed during the pertinent period and if they can furnish any information of value. Will consider interviewing the above persons to determine the following: can they identify the photographs of [redacted], [redacted], RUGENDORF and [redacted]; did they notice any records at Apex that belonged to bankrupt; and did they overhear any conversations concerning the collecting of debts..

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3. Review the list of creditors of the bankrupt. Will consider requesting permission from the Bureau to send out a form letter to the creditors of bankrupt to secure the desired information.

4. Review bankrupt's automobile deal files in possession of Department attorney [redacted] and secure the names of a representative number, 20 or 25, of persons that owed money to the bankrupt. Will interview these people to determine if there was any collection activity after bankruptcy by [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] or RUGENDORF.

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5. Analyze bankrupt's records from inception through February, 1961, and as much as possible of March, 1961, for the purpose of showing monthly sales of automobiles and monthly profit and/or loss thus showing steady decline in sales and profits, insolvent condition shortly prior to bankruptcy, and inability of officers to meet obligations with bankruptcy the inevitable consequence of the final transactions.

6. Attempt to prepare Balance Sheets for February and March, 1961. Contact [redacted] and determine if records available to prepare these Balance Sheets. [redacted] employed at [redacted].

7. Will follow and report Grand Jury action.

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8. Maintain contact with Departmental attorneys [redacted] and [redacted].



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AT PARK CITY, ILLINOIS. Toll call on March 6, 1961, from home of [REDACTED] to Waukegan, Illinois, telephone number ON 2-2133, is listed to the Park City Police Department. Determine who at police department received this call and substance of the conversation.

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Investigation requested by Departmental attorney on March 9 and May 6, 1964, was set forth by Chicago airtel to Bureau dated March 25, 1964, and Chicago airtel to Omaha dated May 6, 1964. Where requested investigation has been completed or in the process of being completed, the leads are not being repeated in this report and no copies of this report will be furnished to that office.

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Office: Chicago

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Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)

Synopsis: Departmental attorneys, Chicago, outlined additional investigation desired by them, consisting primarily of interviews of bankrupt's creditors, interviews of persons owing money to bankrupt, and review bankrupt's records to show steady decline in sales and profits and prepare Balance Sheets for February and March, 1961. Local telephone toll call records [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] earliest release date is May 13, 1966. Exemplified copies of Certificates of Origin and original receipts for payment of Use Tax to be made available.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [ ]

On March 9, 1964, Departmental Attorney [ ]  
[ ] advised that he had been in correspondence with  
Departmental Attorney [ ] at Washington,  
D.C., who had previously been handling this matter at  
Chicago, and Mr. [ ] desired the following additional  
investigation:

Determine at the Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin, if a record is still maintained for the three long  
distance telephone calls made on March 6, 1961, from Room 1742  
of [ ] to Chicago number [ ]. If record  
maintained, photostat same and arrange for preservation of  
originals for possible later use as evidence. b6 b7c

Obtain from the Office of the Secretary of State,  
Springfield, exemplified copies of the Certificates of  
Origin for the 99 motor vehicles listed on pages 3 through  
10 of the indictment.

Obtain from the office of Mr. [ ]  
Executive Officer, Department of Revenue, State of Illinois,  
Chicago, exemplified copies of "Receipt For Payment of  
Use Tax" for the 99 motor vehicles listed on pages 3 through  
10 of the indictment. b6 b7c

Attempt to locate and interview the following former  
employees of Apex Fibres Company, Chicago, to determine if they  
ever saw [ ] RUGENDORF, or [ ] on the  
premises of Apex or if they observed any STERLING - HARRIS  
records on the premises. These names were furnished by former  
employee [ ] who works on [ ] and lives at [ ]  
[ ] Chicago:

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Interview a representative number of people who owed money to STERLING - HARRIS Ford, Incorporated (SHF) to determine if there was any collection activity after bankruptcy on the part of [REDACTED] RUGENDORE, or [REDACTED].

Analyze SHF records from inception through February, 1961, and as much as possible of March, 1961, for the purpose of showing monthly sales of automobiles and monthly profit and/or loss thus showing steady decline in sales and profits, insolvent condition shortly prior to bankruptcy, and inability of officers to meet obligations, with bankruptcy the inevitable consequence of the final transactions.

Determine if [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Obtain copy of record and arrange for preservation of original.

Determine who [REDACTED] received the above mentioned telephone call and the substance of the conversation.

On May 6, 1964, Departmental Attorney [REDACTED] Chicago, requested that inquiry be made at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to determine if [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Number [REDACTED] is still incarcerated and the earliest release date or, if now released, the address to which released.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 27 and 28, 1964, it was determined that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] any records pertaining to [REDACTED] are no longer available.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted]

On June 10 and 11, 1964, this matter was discussed with Departmental attorneys [redacted] and [redacted]. They advised that the Federal Grand Jury is expected to [redacted]

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They advised that bankrupt's automobile deal files are presently in their possession and can be reviewed so that a representative number of names of people who owed bankrupt money can be secured and interviewed.

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They requested the following additional investigation:

Review the list of creditors filed by the bankrupt and determine from the creditors the amount bankrupt owed as of February 28, 1964; any payments made after February 28, 1964, by whom made and the date. This requested is limited to creditors due more than \$25.00 and should not include any creditor where the amount due is for legal fees, loans or notes.

Review bankrupt's records and attempt to prepare a Balance Sheet for February and March, 1961.

On June 15, 1964, Mr. [redacted], Executive Officer, Department of Revenue, State of Illinois, Room 600, 160 North La Salle Street, advised that Mr. [redacted] is out of town until June 19, 1964. He will discuss this matter with Mr. [redacted] and believes that the original receipts for payment of Use Tax on the 99 automobiles listed in the indictment will be furnished. Arrangements were made for him to contact the FBI when these documents were available.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [ ] at Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

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On April 20, 1964, Mr. [ ]  
[ ] Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, advised that hotel  
records of long distance telephone calls are now on  
Recordak film. He explained that the original hotel  
bills and records for March, 1961, have long since  
been destroyed.

Mr. [ ] advised, however, that to  
introduce the original hotel registration card of Mr.  
[ ] for March 6, 1961, that he Mr. [ ]  
would undoubtedly be the proper individual; but, with  
respect to the proper party to introduce general Recordak  
records of the hotel pertaining to telephone calls and  
other expenses, that either Mr. [ ] or Mr. [ ]  
might be the proper individual to introduce such material.  
Mr. [ ] further pointed out that photographs of the  
Recordak film show that one of [ ]'s telephone  
calls to Chicago is telephone number [ ] instead of  
telephone number [ ]. Mr. [ ] stated that he  
believed that this was merely a clerical error on the  
part of one of their employees and that the other two  
photographs of the Recordak film show that telephone  
calls from Room 1742 occupied by [ ] did,  
in fact, go to [ ]. Mr. [ ] stated that the  
photographs of the Recordak film were the best copies  
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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [ ] at Fort Madison, Iowa:

On May 8, 1964, Mr. [ ] Records  
Clerk, Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, advised  
that [ ] is presently  
incarcerated at that prison and, with good time, his  
earliest release date is May 13, 1966. [ ] stated  
that [ ] could be paroled prior to this date.  
He advised that a detainer had been filed against [ ]  
by the [ ].

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The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [ ] at Springfield, Illinois:

On June 1, 1964, Mr. [ ]

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Secretary of State, Springfield, advised that the requested exemplified copies of the Certificates of Origin for the 99 motor vehicles would be obtained and mailed on about June 8, 1964.

On June 8, 1964, Mr. [ ] advised that their photostat machine is being repaired and the exemplified copies will be furnished as soon as the repairs are made to the machine.

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1-Mr. Gillespie

SAC, Chicago (49-2290)  
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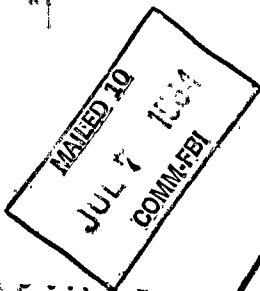
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The proposed circular letter forwarded with referenced letter is being returned and authority is granted to utilize this letter in obtaining the desired information from the various creditors of the bankrupt.

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

DATE: 7/2/64

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL  
NBA  
OO: Chicago

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Rerep SA [ ] dated 6/19/64, at Chicago.

As the Bureau is aware, Departmental Attorneys, Chicago, have requested that the creditors of bankrupt be contacted and to determine the following:

1. Amount bankrupt owed creditor as of 2/28/61.
2. Any payments received by creditor on bankrupt's account after 2/28/61, date and amount of such payment, whether by cash or check, and by whom payment made.

The Departmental Attorneys limited this request to creditors due more than \$25 and does not include any creditor where the amount due is for legal fees, loans, or notes.

Departmental Attorneys advised that this information necessary to show that bankrupt used none of the funds collected from the sale of automobiles on March 1 through 5, 1961, to pay corporate creditors. Review of schedules filed by bankrupt on August 10, 1961, reflect 59 creditors that fall in the category requested by the Departmental Attorneys.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a proposed circular letter to be sent to bankrupt's creditors and Bureau authority is requested to send this circular letter.

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Date: 7/10/64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)  
SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL  
NBA

Re Chicago airtel dated 7/7/64, captioned [redacted]  
[redacted] aka; ET AL, NBA - CONSPIRACY; PERJURY; AR, Bufile  
49-15623, Chicago file 49-2332.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of the Grand Jury  
indictment returned 7/10/64, against [redacted]  
and RUGENDORF.

Departmental Attorneys advised that [redacted] and [redacted]  
are presently under \$3,500 bond each, as a result of indictment  
returned against them on 2/19/64. Bench warrants to be issued  
for [redacted] and RUGENDORF and will be served by U. S. Marshal's  
Office, Chicago.

The enclosed superseding indictment against the  
subjects contains 13 counts and incorporates the 9 count indictment  
returned on 2/19/64. The nine count indictment is ~~not~~ counts 5  
through 13 in the indictment returned 7/10/64. The new counts  
added or counts 1 through 4 generally contain the following:

Count 1. Conspiracy against all four subjects, charging,  
concealment of assets in contemplation of  
bankruptcy; concealment of assets after

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Approved: [Signature]  
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bankruptcy proceedings; withholding and concealing documents of Sterling-Harris Ford; (SHF) and conspiracy to transport stolen automobiles in interstate commerce.

Count 2. Attempted Hobbs Act against all four subjects, charging attempt to extort money and property from Wisconsin purchasers.

Count 3. Concealment of documents pertaining to SHF by [redacted] and [redacted]

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Count 4. Withholding of documents, [redacted] and [redacted] belonging to SHF from the Receiver in Bankruptcy.

Departmental Attorneys advise they believe this matter will be tried during the fall of 1964. The Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent developments in this matter.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>JUL 17 1964</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/23 - 7/13/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>dmj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NBA (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] 6/19/64 at Chicago.  
Chicago airtel to Springfield, 6/24/64 (IO).  
Chicago airtel to Springfield, 7/1/64 (IO).  
Chicago airtel to Springfield, 7/7/64 (IO).

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LEADSINDIANAPOLIS

AT EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA. Check credit and criminal records on [REDACTED] and interview her regarding telephone call from Hampton. (Lead set out in Chicago airtel to Springfield 7/1/64).

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Secure exemplified copy of the Certificate of Origin for car number 1 and request the Secretary of State's Office to review their files for the other four automobiles and if no record located,

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a certification to that effect should be requested.  
(Lead set out in Chicago airtel to Springfield 6/24/64).

Request examination of records of Secretary of State under name Manhattan Acceptance Company, Inc., and secure exemplified copy of results. (Lead set out in Chicago airtel to Springfield 7/1/64).

Request examination of records of Secretary of State under the names: Apex Fibres Inc., 865 North Saginaw, Chicago and Tenn-Sol Illinois Manufacturing Company, Inc., 2523 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, and secure exemplified copies of the articles of incorporation. (Lead set out in Chicago airtel to Springfield 7/7/64).

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Determine from Departmental Attorneys if they intend to subpoena correspondence file concerning SHF from Department of Revenue, and if so, will review same. File maintained by Mr. [redacted] Dept. of Revenue, Room 600, 160 North La Salle Street.

2. Interview [redacted] telephone [redacted] for exact addresses of [redacted] [redacted], [redacted] [redacted], and [redacted]. Determine [redacted] if these persons were employed during the pertinent period and if they can furnish any information of value. Will consider interviewing the above persons to determine the following: can they identify the photographs of [redacted] [redacted] or RUGENDORF; did they notice any records at Apex that belonged to bankrupt; and did they overhear any conversations concerning the collecting of debts.

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3. Report results of circularization of creditors.

4. Attempt to locate, at last known address, between 5 and 10 of the 17 purchasers who financed their cars with bankrupt. Names and addresses of the 17 purchasers are set out in report.

5. Analyze bankrupt's records from inception through February, 1961, and as much as possible of March, 1961, for the purpose of showing monthly sales of automobiles and monthly profit and/or loss thus showing steady decline in sales and profits, insolvent condition shortly prior to bankruptcy, and inability of officers to meet obligations with bankruptcy the inevitable consequence of the final transactions.

6. Attempt to prepare balance sheets for February and March, 1961. Contact [redacted] and determine if records available to prepare these balanced sheets. [redacted] employed at [redacted].

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7. Will obtain a certified copy of any Federal conviction or an exemplified copy of any State conviction of LEO RUGENDORF.

8. Will follow and report prosecutive action.

9. Maintain contact with Departmental Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted].

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Information received at the [redacted]

[redacted] was furnished to IC [redacted]  
[redacted] by [redacted], Reports Clerk, Security Section.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office:

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Field Office File No.: 49-2290

Bureau File No.: 49-15138

Title: **STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED;  
ET AL**

Character: **NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT  
(ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)**

Synopsis:

Chief of Police, Park City, Illinois, does not recall receiving telephone call 3/6/61, from [REDACTED] or anyone else concerning parking of 1961 Fords on [REDACTED]'s lot. Two employees Bartels Drive In Restaurant, Waukegan, during 1961, overheard no conversations concerning new cars or arrangements to park new cars. One employee advised photographs of [REDACTED] and RUGENDORF look familiar and believes they have been in the restaurant. Subscribers of telephone numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] set forth. Identification records on [REDACTED] and RUGENDORF set forth and no identification record located for [REDACTED]. Review bankrupt's schedules listing secured and unsecured creditors and claim sheets for docket 61B2903 listing creditors' filing claims, reflects 68 creditors to be contacted. Letter being sent creditors to secure information desired by Departmental Attorneys. 13 count indictment returned against [REDACTED] and RUGENDORF on 7/10/64 and indictment incorporates the nine count indictment returned against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 2/19/64. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] under \$3500 bond each as result of 2/19/64 indictment. [REDACTED] and RUGENDORF surrendered to USM, Chicago, 7/13/64 and released on \$3500 bond each. No date set for arraignment.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On June 23, 1964, Departmental Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the superseding indictment against [redacted] would probably be returned by the Federal Grand Jury on [redacted].

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Ninety-four exemplified copies of Certificates of Origin were furnished to the Departmental Attorneys. They requested that on the five automobiles that the Secretary of State, Springfield, could not locate any record, that a certification be requested from the Secretary of State's Office to the effect that no record could be located.

They advised that on March 6, 1961, [redacted] and others were registered at the Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At 9:55 p.m., March 6, 1961, HAMPTON in room 1523 placed a long distance call to telephone number [redacted], East Chicago, Indiana. They requested that the subscriber for this number be determined.

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They advised that [redacted] testified before the Federal Grand Jury on [redacted]

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[redacted] requested that [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised that this information would be helpful in examining [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury on [redacted].



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[redacted] advised that bankrupt's records contain 39 automobile deal cards where bankrupt financed the cars for the purchaser. A review of these cards as to amount and location of the purchaser, reflects the following:

- 17 over \$500 residing in Chicago
- 2 over \$500 residing outside of Chicago
- 17 under \$500 residing in Chicago and suburbs
- 3 over \$500 residing in Indiana.

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[redacted] requested that the 17 purchasers over \$500 located in Chicago should be interviewed to determine if there was any collection activity after bankruptcy by [redacted] or RUGENDORF. If none of them were contacted, then the other 22 need not be interviewed, however, if one of the 17 was contacted, then the other 22 should also be interviewed.

On June 23, 25, 29, 1964, a review of the 17 automobile deal cards reflected the names of the purchasers residing in Chicago, Illinois, to be as follows:

[redacted]  
Balance due 2/23/61, \$1019.95

[redacted]  
Balance due 2/23/61, \$563

[redacted]  
Balance due 2/23/61, \$672

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[redacted]  
Balance due 2/23/61, \$634.50

[redacted]  
Balance due 2/24/61, \$600.

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[REDACTED]

Balance due 2/24/61, \$960

[REDACTED]

Balance due 2/24/61, \$720

[REDACTED]

Balance due 2/24/61, \$505.10

[REDACTED]

Balance due 2/24/61, \$1,647.60

[REDACTED]

Balance due 2/24/61, \$610

[REDACTED]

Balance Due 2/24/61, \$950

[REDACTED]

Balance due 2/28/61, \$504

[REDACTED]

Balance Due 2/28/61, \$765

[REDACTED]

Balance Due 2/28/61, \$637.50

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[REDACTED]  
Balance due 2/28/61, \$957.60

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[REDACTED]  
Balance due 2/28/61, \$568

[REDACTED]  
Balance due 2/28/61, \$595

6/20/64

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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HOWARD L. WILCOX, Chief of Police, Park City, Illinois, furnished the following information:

The Park City Police Department is located at 6 Kohn Boulevard, and has telephone number ON 2-2133.

He does not recall receiving a telephone call on March 6, 1961, from [redacted] or anyone else concerning the parking of the new 1961 Fords that were on [redacted]'s lot. It is possible that someone from Chicago or any other city may have called him to see if the cars were still "okay", and if he did receive such a call, he does not remember it.

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At the above time, either he or officer [redacted] would have taken the call because they each had an extension telephone in their home that was connected to the Police Department telephone.

Officer [redacted] left Park City in April, 1963, and presently lives in either Phoenix, Arizona, or Las Vegas, Nevada. He did not leave a forwarding address with anyone in Park City and to his knowledge, no one has heard from [redacted] since he left.

Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] were employed at Bartels Drive In Restaurant in 1961.

On 6/24/64 at Park City, Illinois File # CG 43-2230  
by EA [redacted] /zfs Date dictated 6/26/64

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Mrs. [redacted], [redacted] Illinois,  
furnished the following information:

She was employed at Bartels Drive In Restaurant,  
Waukegan, Illinois, for [redacted] years, [redacted]  
[redacted] During March, 1961, she did [redacted] at  
the restaurant and worked in [redacted] of the  
restaurant.

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She recalls that during the early part of 1961, a lot of  
brand new cars were parked in a lot owned by [redacted] which is  
about two blocks from the restaurant. She was working at the  
restaurant on the day that someone connected with the parked  
cars locked themselves in the bathroom of the restaurant. There  
were a lot of people and noise in the restaurant during that  
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She overheard no conversations between anybody concern-  
ing the new cars; locating a place to park the cars; or making  
arrangements to park the cars. The name [redacted] is not  
familiar to her.

She recalls that there must have been at least 20 men  
in and around the restaurant at one time, including the police  
officers from Park City. She was shown photographs of the  
following persons:



RUGENDORF.

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She advised that the photograph of RUGENDORF looks familiar and  
believes he was in the restaurant that morning sitting at the east  
end of the restaurant near the cash register. The photograph of  
[redacted] also looks familiar and she believes he was in the  
restaurant. The photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] were not familiar  
to her.

[redacted] was [redacted] on duty that day with  
her.

On 6/24/64 at Gurnee, Illinois File # CG 43-2230

by SA [redacted] /ffa

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Mrs. [redacted]  
Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment, Bartels  
Drive In Restaurant, Waukegan, Illinois, and furnished the  
following information:

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She was employed at the above restaurant in 1961. She  
recalls the incident when some man locked himself in the bath-  
room but did not know until later, when police officer [redacted]  
[redacted] told her, that this man had some connection with the  
new cars that were parked on [redacted]'s lot. She does not recall  
the year that this occurred.

There is a man who frequently visits the restaurant who  
is known to her as "Mr. [redacted]", however, since she does not  
recall when the above incident occurred, she is not able to recall  
whether he was in the restaurant during that time.

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She recalls that during the incident, the restaurant  
was filled with people and she was very busy. She overheard  
no conversations between anyone and does not remember who was  
in the restaurant. She does not want to become involved in this  
matter because she does not know anything and could not recognize  
anyone that was in the restaurant.

The photographs of [redacted] and  
[redacted] were exhibited to her and she advised that none of the  
photographs were familiar to her.

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On 6/24/64 at Waukegan, Illinois File # CG 44-2200  
by SA [redacted] ffs [redacted] Date dictated 6/26/64

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On June 24, 1964, the records of [redacted]

reflect that [redacted]

The above information is confidential and can be made public upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to Mr. [redacted]

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On June 24, 1964, the Departmental Attorneys advised that the superseding indictment against [redacted]

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On June 25, 1964, investigation conducted to date was discussed with Departmental Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted]

They requested that identification records be obtained on the following persons: [redacted], also known as [redacted]; and LEO RUGENDORF. Also, that a certified copy of any Federal conviction be obtained and that an exemplified copy of any State conviction be obtained.

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They were advised that on March 6, 1961, when [redacted] and others were registered at the Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee, two telephone calls were made from rooms occupied by the above individuals. These two calls were made to the following telephone numbers, [redacted] Illinois, and [redacted] in Chicago. They requested that the subscriber for these numbers be determined.

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On June 29 and July 1, 1964, the records of [redacted]

[redacted] reflect that [redacted]

The above information is confidential and can be made public upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to Mr. [redacted]

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On June 30, 1964, the Departmental Attorneys advised that the superseding indictment against [redacted] [redacted] would probably be returned by the Federal Grand Jury on [redacted].

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On July 1, 1964, they advised that Manhattan Acceptance Company, Incorporated (MAC), was started by [redacted] to handle financing for Sterling-Harris Ford (SHF) cars, however, to their knowledge, MAC never filed papers of incorporation or registered as a foreign corporation with the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois. They requested that a search be made of the records of the Secretary of State, for this information and an exemplified copy of the results be obtained, even if the results are negative.

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They requested that [redacted] [redacted], Indiana, the subscriber to telephone number [redacted] in 1961, be interviewed to determine the substance of the telephone call from [redacted] and her relationship to [redacted] or this matter.



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The following identification records for [redacted]  
[redacted] FBI # [redacted]; [redacted] no number  
assigned; and LEO RUGENDORF, FBI # 1 016 063, as of July  
2, 1964, were furnished by the Identification Division of  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
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[redacted]			contempt of crt	
			bankruptcy fraud	

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
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[redacted]			bankruptcy fraud	
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LEO RUGENDORF

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD Chgo Ill	Leo Rugendorf #C-70698	11-19-35	G P	
PD Milwaukee Wis	Leo Rugendorf #61340	5-8-52	safekeeping Murder fugitive unlawful flight (New Orleans LA)	TOT Fed Auth 5-13-52
SO Milwaukee Wis	Leo Rugendorf #2657	5-8-52	fug from state of La	
USM Milwaukee Wis	Leo Rugendorf #149	5-9-52	with intent to avoid Prosecution for the crime of murder	Comm to Milwaukee Co J1 bond \$50,000
PD New Orleans La	Leo Rugendorf #63525	not given FP 7-8-52	unlawful flight	
PD Chgo Ill	Leo Rugendorf #E-14198	5-23-55	GP	
PD Chgo Ill	Leo Rugendorf #E-15376	5-23-55	Burg (1) Consp (1)	
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Based on the information furnished on June 30, 1964, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised that [redacted] also known as [redacted] could not be identified in the civil or criminal files.

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The Departmental Attorneys previously requested that the creditors of bankrupt be contacted and to determine: the amount bankrupt owed creditor as of February 28, 1961; any payments received by creditor on bankrupt's account after February 28, 1961, date and amount of such payment, whether by cash or check, and by whom payment made. They advised that this information was necessary to show that bankrupt used none of the funds collected from the sale of automobiles on March 1 through 5, 1961, to pay corporate creditors. They limited this request to creditors due more than \$25.00 and should not include any creditor where the amount due is for legal fees, loans, or notes.

On July 1, 2, and 9, 1964, a review was made of the bankrupt's schedules filed in this matter, which listed secured and unsecured creditors of the bankrupt. Also reviewed were the claim sheets for docket number 61B2903 which lists all of the creditors who filed claims in this bankruptcy. This review reflected that about 68 creditors were listed that fall within the category requested by the Departmental Attorneys. A letter is being sent to these creditors to secure the information desired by the Departmental Attorneys.

On July 7, 1964, the Departmental Attorneys requested that exemplified copies of the articles of incorporation be secured for the following Illinois corporations, which were in business in 1961:

Apex Fibres, Inc.  
865 North Saginaw  
Chicago, Illinois

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Tenn-Sol Illinois Manufacturing Company, Inc.  
2523 North Cicero Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

They believe that the above are not in business today.

They advised that the superseding indictment against [redacted] would probably be returned on [redacted].

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They requested that Mr. [redacted] or Mr. [redacted], Department of Revenue, State of Illinois, be contacted to determine the following:

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- a. Procedure for collecting use tax in 1961 or was the tax paid at the time the automobile was sold?
- b. Did tax have to be paid to the State before a title or license could be issued?
- c. What collection activity did the State have against SFH, and how did the State collect the tax?
- d. Does the State have any correspondence with SHF regarding the collection of the use tax?

On July 7, 1964, Mr. [redacted] Trustee, 120 South La Salle Street, Chicago, advised that information concerning the collection of SHF accounts receivable should be secured from his attorney, [redacted].

On July 8, 1964, Mr. [redacted] [redacted], advised that the Trustee had been authorized by the Court to retain Associates Discount Corporation (ADC) to collect all outstanding accounts receivable of SHF. Any collection information concerning the accounts receivable would be in the possession of ADC.

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On July 10, 1964, Mr. [REDACTED], ADC, 222 West Adams Street, made available the records reflecting their efforts to locate and collect from persons who purchased automobiles from SHF and financed these cars with ADC or SHF. He advised that these records reflect the latest and only information in their possession. A review of these records reflected the following:

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[REDACTED] - balance due 5/3/61, \$959.95;  
10/4/61, no longer at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - no record located.

[REDACTED] - balance due 2/15/63, \$356.

[REDACTED] - balance due 2/11/61, \$634.50;  
car stolen 5/27/61.

[REDACTED] - balance due 3/9/62, \$390;  
1962, no longer at [REDACTED] and left car at  
[REDACTED] Indiana.

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[REDACTED] - balance due 2/23/61, \$960;  
left town about 8/2/61.

[REDACTED] - balance due 2/25/61, \$705.

[REDACTED] - balance due 2/21/61, \$505.10;  
quit employment 6/10/61 and moved, left no forwarding  
address.

[REDACTED] - balance due 10/19/62,  
\$762.85; [REDACTED] seriously injured in car accident  
11/62; 11/19/62, resided [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - car repossessed 11/4/61; amount  
due after sale, \$435.

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[redacted] - paid in full 9/14/62; address  
[redacted].

[redacted] - car repossessed 3/3/61; balance  
due after sale, \$404.

[redacted] - balance due 10/20/61, \$600;  
11/8/61, resided [redacted] and employed  
at [redacted]

[redacted] - paid in full 3/16/62.

[redacted] - balance due 8/30/62, \$405.

[redacted] - car repossessed 12/31/61;  
balance due after sale \$405. Bankrupt, docket  
[redacted].

[redacted] - balance due 2/28/61, \$565.; no  
longer at [redacted] moved and left no forwarding  
address.

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[redacted] advised that in most instances, the cars  
were not repossessed because they were not worth the money  
and time it would have required to repossess them. Also,  
ADC had no proof of ownership on these cars.

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A review of the Chicago telephone directory for  
1964, reflects no current address identifiable with any of  
the above 17 purchasers.

On July 10, 1964, Departmental Attorney [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that the superseding indictment against  
[redacted] and RUGENDORF was returned by the  
Federal Grand Jury on July 10, 1964. This indictment  
contains 13 counts and incorporates the 9 count indictment  
returned against [redacted] on February 19, 1964.  
The 9 count indictment is counts 5 through 13 in the  
indictment returned July 10, 1964. The new counts added, or  
counts 1 through 4, generally contain the following:

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- Count 1. Conspiracy against all four subjects, charging concealment of assets in contemplation of bankruptcy; concealment of assets after bankruptcy proceedings; withholding and concealing documents of SHF; and conspiracy to transport stolen automobiles in interstate commerce.
- Count 2. Attempted Hobbs Act against all four subjects, charging attempt to extort money and property from Wisconsin purchasers.
- Count 3. Concealment of documents pertaining to SHF by [redacted].
- Count 4. Withholding of documents, [redacted] and [redacted], belonging to SHF from Receiver in Bankruptcy.

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Mr. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] are presently under \$3500 bond each, as a result of the indictment returned against them on February 19, 1964. Bench warrants are to be issued for [redacted] and RUGENDORF and will be served by the U.S. Marshal's Office, Chicago...

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On July 13, 1964, the Departmental Attorneys advised that [redacted] and RUGENDORF surrendered to the U.S. Marshal, Chicago, on July 13, 1964, and were released on \$3,500 bond each. No date has been set for the arraignment but they believe it will either be the end of this week or the early part of next week.

The requested interviews of the 17 car purchasers were discussed with Mr. [redacted] and he was advised of the results of the record review at ADC and that no current address identifiable with any of the 17 could be located in the 1964 Chicago telephone directory. He requested that efforts be made to contact between 5 and 10 of these purchasers at their last known address, and if unable to locate any of them, then nothing further need be done about these purchasers.

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On July 13, 1964, Mr. [REDACTED], Executive Officer, Department of Revenue, State of Illinois, Room 600, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, advised that in 1961, the use tax was 3½ percent and the merchant was required to collect this tax and remit it to the Department of Revenue, State of Illinois. In the case of automobile dealers, the dealer would give the customer a receipt for paying the tax and the customer would take the receipt to the Secretary of State's Office and apply for a title and license for the car. The customer would surrender the receipt to the Secretary of State's Office at this time. This did not mean that the State had received the tax, it only meant that the customer had paid the tax to the dealer.

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The dealer would submit monthly reports showing gross receipts from sales less any deductions, leaving an amount that was subject to be taxed. This monthly report was due by the end of the month following the month that the tax was collected by the dealer. The Department of Revenue received the tax receipts that the Secretary of States Office received from the customers. The Department of Revenue would check the total of the receipts against the monthly totals filed by the dealer to determine if the correct amount of tax was being submitted by the dealer. Where errors were found, the dealer would be billed for the amount due.

Since the dealers filed their monthly reports reflecting gross sales, the Department of Revenue was not able to determine if the tax had been paid on any particular car.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that their correspondence file pertaining to SHF would be made available for review upon the receipt of a subpoena duces tecum and it would be necessary for a subpoena to be issued for the production of the original tax receipts for payment of use tax. He advised that the subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Mr.

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[REDACTED] Director of Revenue, State of Illinois, Room 600, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.



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Re Chicago airtel 7/10/64.

Paragraph 4, line 3, 8th word, "not", should be deleted. Chicago copies corrected.

On 7/13/64, Departmental Attorneys advised that [redacted] and RUGENDORF surrendered to the U.S. Marshal, Chicago, this date and were released on \$3,500.00 bond. No date set for arraignment but believe it will either be end of this week or early next week.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will complete investigation requested by Departmental Attorneys.

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Title:

STERLING - HARRIS, FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character:

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

Review of records of Illinois Department of Revenue reflects no correspondence with Sterling - Harris Ford, Incorporated, either prior or subsequent to bankruptcy. No tax payments made by Sterling - Harris Ford after October, 1960 and \$135,952.45 owed to Department of Revenue. [REDACTED]

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Indiana, does not know [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arraigned 8/7/64, entered pleas of not guilty and continued under \$3,500.00 bond each. Trial date set for 4/5/65.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Date 8/5/64

On July 27, 1964, at the Illinois Department of Revenue, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, an examination was made of the records produced in answer to a subpoena duces tecum dated July 20, 1964, issued to Mr. [redacted] Director of Revenue, State of Illinois, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A review of this material reflected no correspondence with the firm of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. either prior or subsequent to the bankruptcy proceedings. The file contained only the results of the audit of the books and records of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., made after bankruptcy, to establish the amount due the Director of Revenue for the State of Illinois and correspondence with [redacted], attorney for [redacted], the trustee in the bankruptcy, with regard to the Department's claim against the estate of the bankrupt.

The audit made by the Department of Revenue for the period of April 4, 1960 through October 31, 1960 and the period November 1, 1960 through February 28, 1961, reflected a total assessment due of \$135,952.45 consisting of a total tax of \$117,772.96 and total penalties of \$18,179.49.

The file further reflected receipt of \$5,888.65 on June 15, 1964, this amount being the first dividend received from the estate of the bankrupt and representing five percent of the total tax due of \$117,772.96.

The audit reflected that taxes were only paid for the months of April 1960 through October 1960 with no payments made after that date. Total taxes paid were shown as:

April	\$ 624.38
May	1,207.58
June	967.95
July	1,029.31
August	1,044.30
September	987.77
October	1,214.26
Total	<u>\$7,075.55</u>

On 7/27/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SA [redacted] /dmj Date dictated 8/3/64

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Date 8/13/641

Mrs. [redacted] was contacted at her residence address, [redacted] Indiana.

[redacted] advised that she has resided at that address prior to 1961. She explained that she believes in 1961 she had her listed number changed to an unlisted telephone number which she is presently utilizing - [redacted].

[redacted] advised that she does not know anyone by the name [redacted] and stated she does not recall ever receiving a call from anyone by that name.

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[redacted] stated she is employed with the [redacted] [redacted] Illinois, and has been working the night shift for the past five years. She stated she would not be at home during the hours of 9:00 PM and 10:00 PM in view of her work shift and was working this late shift during March, 1961.

[redacted] stated she has no idea as to who may have received this call and explained that she resides at that address with her children who range from their teens downward.

On 8/11/64 at East Chicago, Indiana File # CG 49-2290

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by SA [redacted] b6  
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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]:

On August 7, 1964, [REDACTED] East  
Chicago, Indiana, Credit Bureau, 2001 East Columbus Drive,  
East Chicago, Indiana, advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Indiana, was known to their files.  
[REDACTED] advised the file contained [REDACTED] was  
employed with the [REDACTED] Chicago,  
Illinois. The file reflects several slow credit accounts  
under this name. Prior employment listed with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Indiana. No other credit information  
in file.

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On August 11, 1964, Sergeant [REDACTED] East  
Chicago, Indiana Police Department, Records Section, advised  
a review of the identification records does not disclose any  
record identifiable with [REDACTED] female,  
age 38, of [REDACTED] Indiana.

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On August 11, 1964, Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Hammond Credit Bureau, Hammond, Indiana, advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was known to their files since 1958. [REDACTED] advised  
since 1958 [REDACTED] has recorded two unsatisfactory,  
two slow and one rejected accounts. [REDACTED] employed with  
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, since October, 1954.

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On August 7, 1964, Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were arraigned on that date before Federal Judge J. SAM PERRY along with [redacted] and LEO RUGENDORF on the superseding indictment returned in this matter. All four entered pleas of not guilty and were continued on \$3,500.00 bond each. Trial was set for April 5, 1965 and the previous indictment was dismissed.

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**REFERENCES:** Report of SA   dated 8/31/64 at Chicago, Illinois.  
 Springfield airtels to Chicago dated 7/15/64 and 9/9/64. (IO)

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## LEADS

### CHICAGO

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.** 1. Will prepare monthly profit and loss statements for Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. from inception through February, 1961, and as much as possible for March, 1961, as well as monthly sales of automobiles during this period and attempt to prepare balance sheets for February and March, 1961,

2. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorneys.

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Office: Chicago

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Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

Available arrest records for LEO RUGENDORF from files of Chicago Police Department set forth. Secretary of State records relative to certain automobiles and corporations furnished Departmental Attorneys. Results of interviews with former employees of Apex Fibres set forth. One of seventeen car purchasers who owed Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., money located, and he states he paid Associates Discount Corporation for his car and was not contacted by anyone.

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On July 8, 1964, the Chief of Detectives, Chicago Police Department, was requested to furnish the disposition of the following charges against LEO RUGENDORF, FBI Number 1016003:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Police Department, Chicago, Illinois	#C-70093	11/19/35	GP
Police Department, Chicago, Illinois	#E-14193	5/23/55	GP
Police Department, Chicago, Illinois	#E-15376	5/23/55	Burg (1) Consp (1)
Police Department, Chicago, Illinois	#E-15376	1/31/61	171-1 CC no rendering lic.

On July 27, 1964, Lieutenant [redacted] Identification Section, Chicago Police Department, forwarded a copy of their permanent identification record, #E-15375, for LEO RUGENDORF. This permanent identification record is as follows:

Name LEO RUGENDORF

Charge Conspiracy (1). Burglary (1).

Arr. Offs. [redacted] and [redacted] S.A.O.

Indicted July G.J. July 20, 1955.

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Trial Before Judge KLUCZYNSKI 10-4-55, Nolle Prossed, Burgl  
10-5-55, S.O.L. Consp.  
5-31-56, D.W.P. Consp.

PREVIOUS RECORD

FBI #101C063.

N.G.	LEO RUGENDORF	12-10-34, Court Supervision P. Larc. Judge GRABER, Offs. [Redacted] and [Redacted], 25 Dist.
C-70093	" "	11-19-35, G.P. Off. [Redacted] and [Redacted], 25th Dist.
C-70080	" "	1-20-36, 6 mos. Co. Jail and \$1. Larc. Auto. Judge LUPE, Off. [Redacted] and [Redacted], 25th Dist.
D-48310	" "	3-19-47, Nolle Prossed Murder. Judge SCHILLER, Offs. Lt. [Redacted], Sgt. [Redacted], 4th Dist.
E-14193	" "	5-9-52, U.S.M. Milwaukee, Wisc. fug. Avoid Pros. Murder. Comm to Milwaukee, Co. Jail, \$50000.00 Bond. May 23, 1955, G.P. Arr. Offs. [Redacted] and [Redacted] S.A. O. 6-26-56 Inv. Lt. [Redacted] and Co. DB D-2 2-1-61, Sgt. [Redacted] 19th

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On August 6, 1964, Investigative Clerk [Redacted]  
[Redacted] determined at the Bureau of Records and Communications,  
Chicago Police Department, that the original individual arrest  
cards for RUGENDORF were not in their files. He was unable  
to secure additional information concerning the dispositions of  
RUGENDORF's arrests.

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On July 16, 1964, a letter was directed to 68 creditors of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., (SHF) asking them to advise as to the amount of money owed them by SHF as of February 28, 1961, and details as to any payments made to them by SHF after February 28, 1961.

Replies were received from 37 creditors and all reported substantially the same balances due on February 28, 1961, as was reflected in the bankrupt's schedules and creditors' claims filed in this bankruptcy.

Only one creditor reported any payments received after February 28, 1961, and this creditor was the Charcoal Oven Restaurant and Lounge, 4400 South Simpson, Skokie, Illinois. This creditor replied that there was due them on February 28, 1961, the sum of \$34.90 which they indicated was paid on April 30, 1961, and stated, "Other cash payments have been made by Mr. [redacted] on a few occasions after date of April 30, 1961". b6 b7C

On July 17, 1964, there was received from the Springfield FBI Office exemplified copies of the following documents:

1. Articles of Incorporation and including Warrant to the Sheriff, Certification to the Attorney General and Certificate with Respect to the Dissolution of Manhattan Acceptance Company, Inc.

2. Articles of Incorporation, including Warrant to the Sheriff, Certification to the Attorney General and Certificate with Respect to Dissolution of Apex Fibre Corporation.

The above documents were made available on July 7, 1964, and July 10, 1964, by [redacted] Corporation Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois. They were turned over to Departmental Attorney [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on July 20, 1964, at which time Mr.

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[redacted] was advised that the Corporate Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, had no record relative to Tenn-Sol Illinois Manufacturing Company, Inc.

On September 8, 1964, Mr. [redacted] Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, made available exemplified copies of title histories for the following vehicles:

1961 Ford 4-Door Wagon  
VIN 1F64W195733

1961 Ford Falcon, 4-Door  
VIN 1H12S140916

1947 Ford Station Wagon  
VIN C7GX170581

Mr. [redacted] also made available exemplified copies of letters as well as originals addressed to FBI, Chicago, Illinois, advising that files of the Secretary of State's Office do not hold title records covering 1961 Ford, 4-Door, VIN 1H22S104922, or 1961 Ford, 4-Door, VIN 1F32V169193.

All of the above described documents were turned over to Departmental Attorney [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on September 11, 1964.

On September 23, 1964, Mr. [redacted] Chicago, [redacted] advised he did not know the addresses of [redacted], or [redacted] or where they were employed. He stated [redacted] was employed [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted] Street and that his brother [redacted]

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[redacted] Chicago, had worked occasionally on a part time basis at Apex and that [redacted] resided at [redacted] and had worked part time at Apex. He stated none of these individuals were allowed to go into the office of Apex because they were only employed as laborers and that he was the only employee from the factory who was allowed to enter the office.

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[redacted] employed at [redacted]  
[redacted], home address [redacted] Chicago,  
[redacted] Chicago, and  
[redacted] Chicago, were interviewed on September 23, 1964. All stated they had never been in the office of Apex and had, therefore, never observed any records in the office. All were shown photographs of IEO RUGENDORF, [redacted], and [redacted] and all stated they did not recall any one resembling these individuals being on the premises of Apex.

The following investigation was conducted in an effort to locate and interview SHF car purchasers to determine any collection efforts on the part of [redacted], [redacted], or RUGENDORF. Out of 17 car purchasers sought, only one, [redacted] was located.

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised on September 30, 1964, that when he went to SHF to make a payment on his car he found the doors closed and that there was a notice posted on the doors to make car payments at Associates Discount Corporation on Jackson Boulevard in Chicago. He stated he made his payments to Associates Discount Corporation, and was never contacted by anyone who tried to collect the amount he owed SHF.

Concerning the 16 other car purchasers the following was disclosed:

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[redacted]  
Mr. [redacted] of the same address, advised on September 28, 1964, that there was no one by the above name residing at this address, and the person was not known to him.

[redacted]  
Mrs. [redacted] of the same address, advised on September 28, 1964, that there was no one by the above name residing at this address and the person was not known to her.

[redacted]  
Mrs. [redacted] of the same address, advised on September 30, 1964, that this building was only recently occupied by her after having been closed for about three years. She said the above individual was unknown to her.

[redacted]  
Mrs. [redacted] of the same address, advised on October 1, 1964, that no one with the above name resided at this address and the person was not known to her.

[redacted]  
On October 1, 1964, the proprietor of a rooming house at the above address, who refused to give his name, said the above individual moved several years ago and he did not know his present address.

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[redacted]  
Mrs. [redacted], of the above address, on September 30, 1964, stated the above named individual does not reside at this address and is unknown to her.

[redacted]  
On October 14, 1964, it was observed that all houses in the area of this address have been razed for the construction of the new University of Illinois campus.

[redacted]  
[redacted] is located at the above address. [redacted] advised on September 28, 1964, that no one with the above names have been here for the past couple of years and that they were unknown to him.

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[redacted]  
From observation on October 1, 1964, there is no such address as [redacted]. On October 1, 1964, Mrs. [redacted] advised the above named individuals were unknown to her.

[redacted]  
6532 South Ellis

From observation on September 30, 1964, there is no such address as 6532 South Ellis.

[redacted]  
On October 1, 1964, Mrs. [redacted] of the above address, stated the above individual moved from this address in 1961 and she did not know his whereabouts.



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[redacted]  
On September 28, 1964, Mrs. [redacted]  
Landlady, advised no one by the above name resides at this  
address and he was not known to her.

[redacted]  
On October 1, 1964, [redacted] of the above  
address, stated only Mexicans reside at this address and that  
the above named person was unknown to him.

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[redacted]  
By observation on October 14, 1964, it was noted  
that all houses in the area of the above address have been  
razed for construction of an expressway.

[redacted]  
On September 30, 1964, Mr. [redacted] of the  
above address, advised that no one with the above name  
resided at this address and that this individual was unknown  
to him.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/30/64,  
at Chicago.

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LEADSCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. From records of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., will determine profit or loss for months of February and March, 1961, and prepare balance sheets for these months.

2. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorneys.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The monthly "Ford Dealer Financial Statements" examined in this report were made available by Departmental Attorney [REDACTED] who obtained them from Associates Discount Corp.

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Title:

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character:

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT  
(ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)

Synopsis:

Review of monthly "Ford Dealer Financial Statements" submitted by Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., to Associates Discount Corp. for March, 1960 through January, 1961, reflected that company reported profits for four months in 1960 and losses for other six months. Profits reported totaled \$47,266.95 and losses reported totaled \$83,561.95 for net loss for period of \$36,295.00. January, 1961 profit reported as \$17,372.31.

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## DETAILS:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/28/64

An examination was made of the "Ford Dealer Financial Statements" submitted monthly by Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc. to Associates Discount Corporation covering the period of March, 1960 through January 31, 1961, to determine the monthly profit or loss of the company.

This examination revealed the following:

<u>Month Ended</u>	<u>Profit</u>	<u>Loss</u>
March 31, 1960	\$ 6,044.30	
April 30, 1960		\$ 3,347.07
May 31, 1960	31,641.85	
June 30, 1960	7,958.31	
July 31, 1960		7,888.97
August 31, 1960	1,622.49	
September 30, 1960		26,502.78
October 31, 1960		14,314.78
November 30, 1960		17,157.81
December 31, 1960		14,350.54
January 31, 1961	17,372.31	

The above figures reflect that for the ten month period ended December 31, 1960, the company reported profits for four of the months and losses for the other six months. Profits reported totaled \$47,266.95 and losses reported totaled \$83,561.95 for a total net loss for the period of \$36,295.00.

No "Ford Dealer Financial Statement" was submitted to Associates Discount Corporation for the month of February, 1961.

On 12/23-28/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 49-2290

by SA [redacted] jas b6 b7C Date dictated 12/28/64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)  
SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS-FORD, INC.;  
ET AL  
NBA

(OO: Chicago)

On 1/5/65, Departmental Attorney [redacted]  
Chicago, Illinois, requested that the current addresses of  
the following individuals be ascertained in order that he  
may have subpoenas served on them by the U.S. Marshal for  
their appearance as witnesses at trial of this matter  
scheduled to begin at Chicago, 4/5/65. It is not requested  
that these individuals be interviewed unless necessary to  
verify address. Address shown is last known address,  
according to [redacted]

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[redacted]At Griffith, Indiana  
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Special Agent in Charge

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At Hammond, Indiana

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At East Chicago, Indiana

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Chicago Division

At Chicago, Illinois

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>2/26/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/5 - 2/22/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>dc</b> b6 b7c
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 12/29/64 at Chicago.  
Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/7/65.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will prepare profit and loss statement for February and March, 1961, from Sterling-Harris records.

2. Will continue efforts to ascertain current address of

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b7CReport of:  
Date:SA [REDACTED]  
2/26/65

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 49-2290

Bureau File #: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

## Synopsis:

Current addresses of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] now locatedat [REDACTED] Chicago. Trial date changed from  
4/5/65 to 6/7/65.b6  
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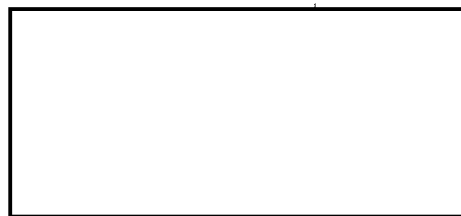
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DETAILS:      AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On January 5, 1965, Departmental Attorney [redacted]  
[redacted] requested that the current address of the following individuals be obtained in order that subpoenas might be served on them at a later date:



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Information received from the Indianapolis Division of February 15, 1965, reflected the following:

[redacted], former address, [redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana, presently resides [redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana, care of mother, Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted] that address, telephone number [redacted]

[redacted], former address, [redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana, presently resides [redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana, telephone number [redacted]  
He can always be located through mother, Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana.

[redacted] former address [redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana, now resides [redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana, telephone number [redacted].

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana, still resides that address, per mother, same address.

[redacted] was listed incorrectly as residing [redacted] Indiana. He currently resides [redacted] Indiana, per mother, [redacted] same address.

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Inquiry [redacted]  
Illinois, on January 27, 1965, revealed that [redacted]  
no longer resides at this address.

The current Chicago Telephone Directory reflects  
that Sheridan Electric Company is currently located at  
3707 West Lawrence, Chicago, telephone number 533-1236.

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A call to the above number on February 22,  
1965, confirmed that Sheridan Electric Company is  
located at the above address. The person answering  
advised that [redacted]

[redacted] no longer residing at [redacted].  
He would not identify himself but stated he would be in  
telephonic contact with [redacted] later that day and  
ascertain his current residence address or have [redacted]  
call the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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On February 3, 1965, Departmental Attorney  
[redacted] advised that the trial date for this  
matter has been changed from April 5, 1965, until June 7,  
1965.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.  
ET AL  
NBARerep of SA [redacted] dated 5/23/61,  
at Milwaukee.

Departmental Attorney [redacted], Chicago,  
on 6/1/65, advised that when [redacted]  
Wausau, Wisconsin, and [redacted] Wisconsin,  
were interviewed by him and also when testifying before  
the FGJ re [redacted]

[redacted] requested that law enforcement officials  
such as the Chief of Police, Wausau, and the Sheriff,  
Marathon County, as well as associates and employees of  
[redacted] and [redacted] be interviewed for any information  
they might have concerning the "state of mind" of these  
individuals after the above referred to meetings. [redacted]  
said he did not desire any relatives contacted.

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Referenced report states Sheriff LOUIS GIANOLI, Marathon County, Wisconsin, stated [redacted] told him he feared for his life and wanted to have protection in Wausau, and that his department and the Wausau PD were maintaining a close watch on [redacted]'s home.

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Rerep also stated that [redacted] advised interviewing agent that he was very definitely in fear of his life.

[redacted] desires to locate additional witnesses who can possibly bolster the above individuals testimony

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Trial in this matter is scheduled for 6/7/65, but will be temporarily delayed because some defense counsel in this matter are presently engaged in another trial.

Milwaukee at Wausau and Thorp, Wisconsin, will attempt to obtain information requested by [redacted] it being realized that this request is made over 4 years after the actions occurred. Please expedite.

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Date: 6/2/65

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.  
ET AL  
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 6/5/61, at Indianapolis; and Indianapolis letter to Chicago dated 2/11/65 (IO).

On 6/1/65, Departmental Attorney [redacted] Chicago, advised that the USM, Indianapolis, had been unable to locate the following witnesses at the addresses set forth in order to serve them with subpoenas for appearance at trial of instant matter:

[redacted]  
(USM reports building being torn down)[redacted]  
(No longer here - left no forwarding address)[redacted]  
(No such address according to USM)

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[redacted] requests Bureau assistance in obtaining current addresses of above individuals and that when same is obtained to be furnished Deputy USM [redacted] Indianapolis, to aid him in serving subpoenas.

Trial in this matter has been scheduled for 6/7/65, but will be temporarily delayed as some defense counsel in this matter are presently engaged in another trial.

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Indianapolis is requested to expedite location of above witnesses in accordance with [redacted] s request.

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Date: 6/8/65

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290) (P)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.  
ET AL  
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 6/2/65.

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On 6/7/65, Departmental Attorney [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that on 6/7/65, Federal Judge J. SAM  
PERRY continued this matter until 9/13/65, for trial.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>8/31/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/1 - 8/30/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING- HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY. <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	b6 b7C mes
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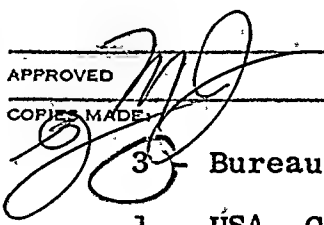

REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 2/26/65 at Chicago.

Chicago airtels to Bureau dated 6/2 and 6/8/65.  
Indianapolis airtel to Louisville dated 6/10/65 (IO).  
Louisville airtel to Indianapolis dated 6/16/65 (IO).  
Indianapolis airtel to Chicago dated 6/18/65 (IO).  
Birmingham airtel to Chicago dated 6/24/65 (IO).  
Milwaukee airtel to Chicago dated 7/19/65 (IO).

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Information concerning addresses of witnesses that could not be located was furnished to Departmental Attorney  orally at the time of receipt.

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Agency	<b>I CC RAU</b> <b>ODD, Cross.</b>	 <b>STAT. SEC.</b>	
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report  
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: Chicago

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Date: 8/31/65

Field Office File #: 49-2290

Bureau File #: 49-15138

Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

Current addresses for [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] obtained. Deputy Sheriff,  
Wausau, Wisconsin, and Chief of Police, Thorp,  
Wisconsin, stated both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were fearful after returning from meeting  
at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On June 1, 1965, Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been located at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by the U. S. Marshal and served with a subpoena.

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Departmental Attorney [redacted], Chicago, on June 1, 1965, advised that when [redacted] Wausau, Wisconsin, and [redacted] Thorp, Wisconsin, were interviewed by him and also when testifying before the Federal Grand Jury regarding [redacted]

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[redacted] requested that law enforcement officials such as the Chief of Police, Wausau, and the Sheriff, Marathon County, as well as associates and employees of [redacted] be interviewed for any information they might have concerning [redacted]

[redacted] said he did not desire any relatives contacted.

On June 1, 1965, Departmental Attorney [redacted] Chicago, advised that the U. S. Marshal, Indianapolis, had been unable to locate the following witnesses at the addresses set forth in order to serve them with subpoenas for appearance at trial of instant matter and requested the Bureau attempt to locate them.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana  
(U. S. Marshal reports building being torn down)

[redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana  
(No longer here - left no forwarding address)

[redacted]  
[redacted] Indiana  
(No such address according to U. S. Marshal)

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT THORP, WISCONSIN

On June 21, 1965, ED HARYCKI, Chief of Police, advised that he recalled the incident several years ago when [REDACTED] had gone to Milwaukee concerning a car deal and had encountered some difficulty with a group of individuals. He said that [REDACTED] had told him that he had encountered some individuals who had exerted pressure on him and HARYCKI said it was obvious that [REDACTED] was scared, but that he had not requested any protection from him or from the Sheriff's Office at Neillsville, Wisconsin. He said that [REDACTED] is the type of individual who does not want to let anyone know that he is afraid of a situation and for this reason did not request any assistance. However, he said there was no question in his mind that he was fearful of what might happen to him.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN T. McCARRIER:

AT WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

On June 15, 1965 LOUIS GIANOLI, Deputy Sheriff, Marathon County, advised that in March, 1961, he was the elected sheriff of Marathon County. In such position late one evening, during the first or second week in March, 1961, believed to be a Monday, he received a telephone call from [redacted]

[redacted] of the Wausau Auto Auction and Aero Auto Parts, both of [redacted] Wausau, and who lived [redacted] in Marathon County.

[redacted] called to state, in a greatly agitated voice, that he had just returned from Milwaukee by plane accompanied by another auto dealer, and because the pair refused to buy some new automobiles offered for sale in Milwaukee, he [redacted] was in fear of his life, as the sellers of the cars were believed to be Chicago hoodlums or racketeers. [redacted] requested Marathon County to provide a guard at his home which GIANOLI refused to do, stating he did not have the personnel to perform such an assignment. However, GIANOLI stated he did assign one squad car to cruise continually in the vicinity of the [redacted] home that evening, and told [redacted] he was issuing such an order. Nothing of a suspicious nature was observed.

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GIANOLI stated that he telephonically contacted the then Chief of Police at Wausau, NORMAN W. ZIETLOW, now deceased, who stated he would alert his Department and particularly patrol cars on the west side of the city, which adjoins the township area where [redacted] resides, to be on the alert for any suspicious cars, particularly any with out-of-state license plates.

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For at least two or three days, as GIANOLI recalled, his Department and the Wausau Police Department did maintain an alert in this matter with nothing unusual occurring except for one incident:

One or two evenings after the alert was commenced, one of his County squad cars came on a parked vehicle occupied by a lone male individual, which was parked in the yard of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, near the [redacted] home. Investigating officers found the occupant of the car was asleep, but in his possession was a loaded rifle. Inquiry determined that this individual had been employed by [redacted] as a guard to maintain an all-night vigil of the [redacted] home.

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Mr. GIANOLI advised that he knows of no records to verify any such orders which were issued by him, as they were handled orally by radio directly to the personnel in the patrol cars involved.

On June 15, 1965 Sergeant [redacted] Wausau Police Department, advised his Department has no available records reflecting any orders issued concerning an alert to be maintained concerning possible individuals who might locate the [redacted] home, located [redacted]. Sergeant [redacted] recalls that for a period of several days, an alert was maintained by City squad cars to "check out" any suspicious vehicles on the west side of the city, particularly those bearing out-of-state license plates. As Sergeant [redacted] recalls, nothing unusual happened, and the matter was discontinued. Sergeant [redacted] did recall that the then Chief of Police ZIETLOW, now deceased, issued oral instructions by a radio to the officers in cars involved, but, as nothing was observed no permanent record was made of the action taken by the Police Department.

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Sergeant [redacted] stated that other than members of the [redacted] families, employees at the Aero Auto Parts and Wausau Auto Auction are unreliable, transient individuals, it being extremely unlikely that anyone employed at either of these locations four years ago would still be there. He stated that he knew of no employees or associates of [redacted] that could be relied upon to provide any information concerning [redacted] allegedly being in fear of his life upon return from Milwaukee, Wisconsin in early March, 1961.

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On June 12, 1965, the Indianapolis, Indiana Office advised that [redacted] resides at [redacted] New Chicago, Indiana, in care of his father-in-law, [redacted] and that the East Chicago, Indiana Post Office reflected a forwarding address for [redacted] in November, 1964, of Box [redacted] Parrish, Alabama. Mrs. [redacted] East Chicago, Indiana, advised that [redacted] moved to Central City, Kentucky, over two years ago.

On June 26, 1965, information was received from the Birmingham, Alabama Office that Mrs. [redacted] Box [redacted], Parrish, Alabama, advised that she and her husband are residing at the above address and expect to remain there for some time.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on June 16, 1965:

Sheriff J. C. NOFFSINGER, Muhlenberg County, Greenville, Kentucky, advised that [redacted] parents of [redacted] reside on [redacted] Route 1, Central City, Kentucky.

[redacted], who is currently unemployed, is not residing with his parents in Muhlenberg County, but has the following address:

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[redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SAA [redacted] on June 18, 1965:

Mrs. [redacted], Anderson, Indiana, advised she and her husband and children are presently residing at this address with [redacted] [redacted]'s telephone number is [redacted] [redacted] works day shift at the [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted], telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted].

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On August 30, 1965, Departmental Attorney [redacted] [redacted] advised that he no longer desired that profit and loss statements be prepared for February and March, 1961, from Sterling-Harris records.

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He stated that although this matter is scheduled for trial on September 13, 1965, it is expected that the start of the trial will be delayed because defense counsel, in this matter will, on that date, still be engaged in trial of another matter.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>9/29/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/8 - 14/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY  [REDACTED]	b6 b7C TYPED BY <b>csk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

*MB* REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/31/65  
at Chicago.  
Chicago airtel to Los Angeles dated 9/9/65 (IO).

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Will follow and report  
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Los Angeles was requested to locate and  
interview [REDACTED] by airtel dated 9/9/65.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b6  
Date: 9/29/65 b7C

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 49-2290

Bureau File #: 49-15138

Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis: On 9/13/65, trial continued; expected to go to trial in October, 1965. Departmental Attorney requested reinterview of [REDACTED].

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On September 8, 1965, Departmental Attorney [redacted] requested that [redacted] Studio City, California be reinterviewed to see if he still recalls the facts previously related by him and to ascertain if he still has in his possession his cancelled check in the amount of \$2,750 that he gave to [redacted].

On September 14, 1965, [redacted] advised that on September 13, 1965, trial in this matter had been continued generally because defense counsel in this matter was engaged in another trial. He said he believed trial would commence in this matter sometime in October, 1965.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 10/29/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/17 - 10/20/65
TITLE OF CASE  STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED; ET AL		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	b6 b7C
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		CHARACTER OF CASE  NBA	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 9/29/65,  
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Pending Over One Year - Yes

Pending Prosecution Over Six Months - ~~NO~~ YES

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Field Office File #: 49-2290

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Title:

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED;  
ET AL

Character:

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] reinterviewed and furnished practically  
identical information as originally given by him. Case  
may go to trial about 11/15/65.

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DETAILS: AT CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

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Date 9/24/65

[redacted] Studio City, California, was interviewed at [redacted] and furnished the following information:

in 1961 he operated a used car lot. [redacted]

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On March 4, 1961, he received a call from [redacted] of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., offering to sell him some Thunderbirds that he had been interested in. On March 5, 1961, he met [redacted] at Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., and worked out three separate deals. He originally intended to buy only one lot of cars, but he consummated three separate deals, totaling \$34,700 for 29 cars. He dealt with [redacted] from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on March 5, 1961.

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[redacted] advised that he issued three checks to Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., on March 5, 1961, in the amounts of \$10,000, \$11,000 and \$13,700. He believed that on March 6, 1961, he was contacted by representatives of Associates Discount Corporation which floor planned Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., cars and was requested to stop payment on the three checks which he had issued on March 5, 1961. He agreed to do this and issued other checks to Associates Discount Corporation in payment for the same cars which he had originally arranged to purchase from [redacted] on March 5, 1961.

On or about April 1, 1961, [redacted] was approached by [redacted] whom he also knows as [redacted] with a proposition for [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] to buy [redacted] a used car business at [redacted]

The new business was to be known as [redacted] an Illinois corporation which was doing business as [redacted] was president of this corporation and [redacted] was secretary.

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On 9/17/65 at Culver City, California File # Los Angeles 49-2112

by SA [redacted] /lma Date dictated 9/21/65

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The new corporation was to pay \$5,500 for certain of [redacted] assets and was also to pay \$1,850 a month rental to [redacted]. As partial payment of the amount due to [redacted] presented money orders, each in the amount of \$1,500, for a total of \$4,500.00. The faces of these three money orders had been filled in when he received them, i.e., the spaces showing the number as [redacted] and the payee as [redacted].

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The new corporation was unable to arrange adequate financing and the proposed deal was not consummated. He, thereupon, gave [redacted] a check in the amount of \$2,750 as a return of the money originally advanced by the new corporation. This check was drawn on his personal bank account, made payable to himself, and endorsed by himself. He doubted very seriously whether he still has this check in his possession; however, the check was drawn on the bank of Lincolnwood, Illinois, and should have cleared the bank in July or August, 1961.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On October 20, 1965, Departmental Attorney  
[REDACTED] advised that he believed that trial  
of this matter would commence around November 15, 1965.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>12/1/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/24/65</b>
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REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 10/29/65 at Chicago. b6  
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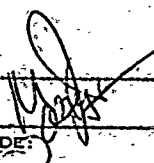
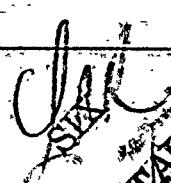
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report prosecution.

Pending over one year Yes

Pending Prosecution over six months Yes

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date:

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Office: Chicago

12/1/65

Field Office File #: 49-2290

Bureau File #: 49-15138

Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC  
ET AL

Character:

NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

Case may go to trial in January, 1966.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On November 24, 1965, Assistant U.S. Attorney [REDACTED] b6  
[REDACTED] advised that trial of this matter has been delayed b7C  
because defense counsel are still engaged in trial of another matter.

He stated he believed trial in this matter would  
begin in January, 1966.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>1-28-66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/8/65 - 1/19/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>	b6 b7C
		TYPED BY <b>j eo</b>	
CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>			

**REFERENCE:** Report of SA   dated 12/1/65 at Chicago.

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## LEADS

### INDIANAPOLIS

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**AT ANDERSON, INDIANA.** Contact Mrs.   at her residence,   or her place of employment,   and ascertain the whereabouts of her son-in-law,  

### LOUISVILLE

**AT CENTRAL CITY, KENTUCKY.** Contact   and   for information concerning the whereabouts of  

Pending over one year - Yes

Pending prosecution over six months - Yes

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AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. 1. Contact [redacted]  
[redacted], for any information she may have concerning the  
present whereabouts of [redacted].

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2. Conduct credit and criminal checks regarding [redacted],  
and contact any other logical sources for information concerning  
[redacted]'s present whereabouts.

AT FORT MADISON, IOWA. At the Iowa State Penitentiary,  
determine the date and circumstances under which [redacted]  
[redacted] number [redacted] was released. It is noted that in 1964,  
[redacted]'s earliest release date was May 13, 1966, unless paroled  
prior to that date. In the event [redacted] was paroled, contact  
the appropriate parole officer to determine [redacted]'s present  
whereabouts.

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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. 1. At the Department of Motor  
Vehicles, determine if [redacted] also known as [redacted]  
[redacted], has been issued a California drivers license.

2. At the Department of Criminal Investigation and  
Identification (CII), determine if there is any arrest record  
for [redacted], also known as [redacted]

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3. In the event information is developed concerning the  
present whereabouts of [redacted], appropriate leads should be set out  
to determine his present whereabouts. It should be noted that  
[redacted] is considered hostile by AUSA [redacted], and in [redacted]'s  
opinion, [redacted] will make every effort to avoid testifying in this  
matter. In view of [redacted] hostility, investigation to locate [redacted]  
should be discreet to avoid alerting him to the fact that his  
whereabouts are being sought.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Contact Attorney [redacted]  
[redacted] for any information he may have  
concerning [redacted] whereabouts.

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2. Contact Attorney [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for any information he may have concerning [REDACTED] whereabouts.

3. Contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for any information she may have concerning his whereabouts.

4. Locate and interview [REDACTED]

for any information she may have concerning [REDACTED] whereabouts.

5. Follow this matter with AUSA [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago (Attn: AUSA [REDACTED])

Report of:  
Date:

SA [REDACTED]

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Office: Chicago, Illinois b6  
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Field Office File #: 49-2290

Bureau File #: 49-15138

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD,  
INCORPORATED;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

## Synopsis:

AUSA, Chicago, requested current residences and employments be determined for [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] AUSA also requested investigation to locate b6 [REDACTED], who is considered a necessary though hostile witness. b7C [REDACTED] located at Woodstock, Illinois. [REDACTED] reportedly somewhere in California. Trial set for 5/2/66.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] on January 10, 1966. Mr. [redacted] stated that trial in this matter has now been set for May 2, 1966, before United States District Judge J. SAM PERRY, and that Judge PERRY has indicated that this is a firm trial date. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated that he has been in touch with all Government witnesses in this matter, however, he has not been able to contact [redacted], [redacted], or [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had recently talked with [redacted] in [redacted] Indiana by telephone, and had been informed that [redacted] was presently living and working in [redacted] Illinois, exact address and employment unknown. [redacted]'s last known address was in [redacted] Indiana, telephone [redacted]. [redacted]'s last known address was [redacted] Iowa, telephone [redacted], care of a [redacted], the landlady at that address. b6 b7C

Regarding [redacted], Mr. [redacted] stated that he had been released from the Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa, and had entered a guilty plea to a bad check charge in Nashville, Tennessee, and served a nine month term on this charge. When Mr. [redacted] recently attempted to contact [redacted] by telephone, [redacted] told him that she had not seen [redacted] in about three weeks, but his personal belongings were still at the [redacted] address.

Mr. [redacted] requested that [redacted] and [redacted] be located, and their present residence and employment be determined. He also requested that they be asked to keep either the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or him informed as to their whereabouts in the event they move or change jobs. Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] can reach him by calling [redacted] collect during normal business hours. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] also requested investigation to determine the whereabouts of [redacted], who is considered a necessary but hostile

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witness in this case. He stated that [ ] has not been served with a subpoena to appear as a witness at the forthcoming trial, as is the case with [ ] and [ ]. Mr. [ ] stated that because of [ ] hostility, he will undoubtedly move should he become aware of efforts by the FBI to determine his whereabouts. [ ] was last reported to be located somewhere in California. Mr. [ ] stated that if efforts to locate [ ] are successful, he will ask the United States Marshal to serve a subpoena on [ ] as a Government witness.

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AT WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

Officer [ ] Woodstock, Illinois Police Department, advised on January 14, 1966, that the records of the Woodstock Police Department show that [ ] resides [ ] at [ ] Woodstock, Illinois. [ ] is employed by [ ] Woodstock, Illinois.

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[ ] was contacted on January 14, 1966, at his place of employment, [ ] Woodstock, Illinois. He stated that he was currently living [ ] Woodstock, Illinois. [ ] does not have a telephone. He stated he could be contacted at his place of employment, telephone [ ]. [ ] stated he would keep Assistant United States Attorney [ ] informed if he should move or change employment.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

From a review of previous investigation conducted in this case, the following information was obtained:

[ ]  
On June 13, 1965, Sheriff J. C. NOFFSINGER, Muhlenberg County, Greenville, Kentucky, advised SA [ ] that [ ] and [ ] parents of [ ], reside [ ]

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On June 18, 1965, Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted], Indiana, advised SA [redacted] that  
she, her husband and their children are presently residing with  
[redacted] at the above address.. [redacted]  
[redacted]'s telephone number is [redacted] and she works the day  
shift at the [redacted]  
Indiana, telephone [redacted], and [redacted] will always know her  
address.

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Mr. [redacted] Records Clerk, Iowa State Penitentiary,  
Fort Madison, Iowa, advised SA [redacted] on May 8, 1964 that  
[redacted] is presently incarcerated b6  
at that prison and, with good time, his earliest release date is b7C  
May 13, 1966; however, [redacted] could be paroled prior to this  
date.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Illinois, was  
interviewed by SA's [redacted] and HENRY HIRSCHENBERGER on  
May 26, 1961. The following description of [redacted] was obtained at  
the time of this interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'10"
Weight	220 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	
Wife	
Daughters	

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[redacted], telephone [redacted] advised on January 18, 1966 that she was granted a divorce from [redacted] in December, 1963. She stated that she did not know [redacted] present whereabouts, and the last she knew, he was somewhere in California. She said that she has not received any money for the support of [redacted] from [redacted] in approximately six months. The last money she received from him was mailed from California without a return address. She does not recall the city from which [redacted] mailed the money. When she did receive money from [redacted] it was in the form of a money order, and she cashed these money orders at various currency exchanges in Chicago. She did not habitually cash these money orders at any particular currency exchange.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] live somewhere in the city of Chicago, but she has had no contact with either of them since her divorce, and she does not know where either of them live.

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The records of the Superior Court of Cook County, Docket Number [redacted], captioned [redacted] were reviewed on January 19, 1966, and were found to contain the following information:

A divorce decree was granted on December 2, 1963, wherein custody of a minor child [redacted] was awarded to [redacted]. [redacted] was ordered to pay [redacted] \$25.00 per week for the support of the minor child and \$10.00 per week alimony.

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The file indicated that [redacted] was served notice of the complaint on March 11, 1963, by a deputy sheriff at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

The attorney for [redacted] was shown as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone [redacted] and the attorney for [redacted] was shown as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone [redacted].

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1-Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SACs, Chicago (49-2290)  
Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (49-15138) - 112

STERLING HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
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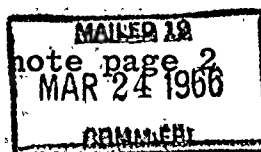
Authority is not granted for Bureau Agents to serve a subpoena on [REDACTED] at Los Angeles, California. Los Angeles should continue its efforts through discreet inquiry to locate and positively identify [REDACTED]; however, before doing so, Los Angeles should make appropriate arrangements with the U. S. Marshal's office so that when [REDACTED] is located U. S. Marshals can be readily available to immediately serve the subpoena on [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] is located Los Angeles establish appropriate procedures so that his whereabouts will be known until such time that the subpoena has been served by the U. S. Marshal. This investigation should be given expeditious attention so that [REDACTED] can be located and served with a subpoena in sufficient time for the forthcoming trial on 5/2/66.

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Chicago is to immediately advise AUSA [REDACTED] that it is believed more desirable that the subpoena for [REDACTED] be served by the U. S. Marshal as outlined above and that the Los Angeles Office will take extreme precautions to insure that service of the subpoena is successfully effected. Chicago also request Mr. [REDACTED] to furnish the necessary subpoena to the U. S. Marshal's office, Los Angeles.

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NOTE: This case involves Sterling Harris Ford, Inc., a bankrupt Chicago Ford agency, operated by [redacted] [redacted] who in 1961 disposed of 300 new and used cars in contemplation of bankruptcy in order to pay off heavy gambling debts to Chicago hoodlums. As a result of our investigation which established a cash concealment approximating \$300,000, subjects [redacted] and two other individuals were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois, on 7/10/64, for violations of the NBA and Conspiracy. The trial of this matter is scheduled to commence on 5/2/66.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290) (P)  
SUBJECT: STERLING HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
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NBA

OO: CHICAGO

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 1/28/66 and Chicago  
and San Francisco letter to Los Angeles dated 3/10/66 (IO).

For the information of the Bureau, referenced San  
Francisco letter advised that a California drivers license was  
issued in the name [redacted]  
[redacted] California on 7/29/65. Description on this license  
is apparently identical with the description of [redacted]  
whose location was requested by AUSA [redacted] Chicago  
and set out in referenced report. The birth date of [redacted] on  
the above license is identical to the birth given by [redacted] when  
he was interviewed by Bureau Agents.

The above information was furnished AUSA [redacted] on  
3/21/66. Mr. [redacted] thereupon requested that Bureau Agents  
serve a trial subpoena on [redacted] for his appearance as a  
Government witness in the forthcoming trial scheduled to begin  
5/2/66. [redacted] pointed out the factors which prompted his  
request:

1) [redacted]

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2) It was extremely difficult to obtain service of a Federal Grand Jury subpoena on [ ] and to obtain his testimony before a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago. [ ] became hostile both in the AUSA's Office and before the Federal Grand Jury following service of the Grand Jury subpoena. b3 b6 b7C

3) [ ] promised both before the Grand Jury and in the AUSA's Office to [ ] and [ ]'s belief that [ ] made this move to avoid testifying at the trial.

4) Efforts by the Bureau over the past year to locate [ ] have been unsuccessful and [ ] who resides in Chicago has apparently been uncooperative in furnishing any information as to [ ] whereabouts. b6 b7C

5) [ ] believes that any efforts by a Deputy USM to serve trial subpoena on [ ] could possibly cause [ ] to flee in order to avoid such service. [ ] expressed the opinion that to insure service of a trial subpoena on [ ], such a subpoena should be served by Bureau Agents in order to avoid alerting [ ] that his whereabouts are being sought and to avoid the possibility of [ ] again fleeing to avoid service.

Los Angeles should continue discreet efforts to determine [ ] present whereabouts as set out in referenced San Francisco letter. Chicago will forward to Los Angeles a trial subpoena for service upon [ ].

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Date: 3/25/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)  
SUBJECT: STERLING HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL  
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Re Bureau airtel 3/24/66.

AUSA [ ] was advised today as instructed in referenced airtel. [ ] said he would forward subpoena for service on [ ] to the USM, Los Angeles, AMSD today. [ ] further stated he would include instructions to the USM that a subpoena is not to be served unless and until contacted by the Los Angeles Office of the FBI regarding the whereabouts of [ ].

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Los Angeles should handle in accordance with instructions in referenced Bureau airtel.

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Per [Signature]

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>3/29/66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/20 - 3/21/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>pag</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/28/66, at Chicago.  
 Chicago airtel to Omaha dated 2/7/66. (IO)  
 Louisville airtel to Indianapolis dated 2/11/66. (IO)  
 Chicago airtel to San Francisco dated 2/17/66. (IO)  
 Indianapolis airtel to Chicago dated 2/23/66. (IO)  
 San Francisco letter to Los Angeles dated 3/10/66. (IO)

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AT NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. 1. Conduct appropriate investigation at [REDACTED] to determine the present whereabouts of [REDACTED].

Pending over one year - Yes  
 Pending prosecution over six months - Yes

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2. As noted in referenced San Francisco letter, it should be borne in mind, that Assistant United States Attorney [ ] Chicago considers [ ] a hostile although necessary witness. [ ] firmly believes that [ ] will make every effort to avoid testifying in this matter. In view of [ ]'s hostility, investigation to determine his whereabouts should be discreet in order to avoid alerting him to the fact that his whereabouts are being sought.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Follow this matter with Assistant United States Attorney [ ]

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Contact with [ ], and efforts to locate [ ] Chicago, have been held in abeyance pending results of investigation to locate [ ] in California. This has been done in view of [ ] hostility to avoid the possibility that [ ] and/or [ ] might alert [ ] of attempts being made to locate him.

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Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 49-2290

Bureau File #: 49-15138

Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD,  
INCORPORATED; ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

Synopsis:

[redacted] contacted in Chicago and declined to furnish current address, but stated he could be reached through the [redacted]. [redacted]

[redacted] resides [redacted] Indiana, no telephone. California Driver's License issued to [redacted]

[redacted] California, 7/29/65.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were checked on January 20, 1966, at the request of Investigative Clerk [redacted]. The files contained a record of an arrest of [redacted] on October 23, 1964. [redacted]

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[redacted] is described as a white male, born [redacted] 5'9", 200 pounds, hazel eyes, brown hair, dark complexion, Social Security Number [redacted], his occupation was shown as a salesman, [redacted] Illinois. The disposition of this arrest was shown as "LED" (Leave to File Denied). No arrest record identifiable with [redacted] was located.

[redacted] advised on February 2, 1966, that he had represented [redacted] in a divorce action. He has no information regarding [redacted] present whereabouts.

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Mr. [redacted] advised on February 2, 1966, that he had represented [redacted] in a divorce action which she had instituted against her husband, [redacted]. He has no information regarding [redacted] present whereabouts.

On February 1, 1966, [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] that he can be reached at the [redacted] Illinois, telephone number [redacted].

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[redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] on February 1, 1966, at which time he agreed to meet SA [redacted] in person at a tavern at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, on February 3, 1966. [redacted] was contacted at the [redacted] on February 3, 1966. [redacted] declined to state where he was residing at the present time, but said that the people at the [redacted] would

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know where he could be reached. [redacted] also said that he was a good friend of [redacted] and would keep informed as to the trial date at the STERLING - HARRIS case through contact with [redacted]. [redacted] also agreed to keep SAs [redacted] and [redacted] informed as to his whereabouts.

During contact with [redacted] he drank heavily and had been drinking for sometime, he was obviously under the influence of alcohol.

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On February 14, 1966, the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that [redacted] Number [redacted] was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on October 26, 1960, on a charge of Capias-False Pretenses, Paragraph 253, Chapter 38. The Identification Division also advised that a civil fingerprint card from the State Bureau, Sacramento, California, was identified with the above fingerprint record and returned to the contributor on May 16, 1963.

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 1966  
AT: CENTRAL CITY, KENTUCKY  
NAME: SA [redacted]

[redacted], parents of [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that their son is presently living at [redacted]  
[redacted]

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 1966  
AT: ANDERSON, INDIANA  
NAME: SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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An attempt to contact Mrs. [redacted] at [redacted]  
[redacted], met with negative results.

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 1966  
AT: ANDERSON, INDIANA  
NAME: SA [redacted]

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Mrs. [ ] was contacted at her place of employment, [ ] and advised as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. [ ] reside at [ ] Indiana, on [ ]; however, she does not have their exact street address and they have no telephone. She expects [ ] to visit her in [ ] and she will have [ ] telephone Agent [ ].

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 1966

AT: ANDERSON, INDIANA

NAME: SA [ ]

[ ] telephonically contacted SA [ ] and advised as follows:

He works in [ ] Indiana, for the [ ] and he resides at [ ] Indiana. He does not have a telephone but [ ] of [ ] Indiana, will always know his address. He was furnished with the name, address, and telephone number of Assistant United States Attorney [ ], and he stated in the event he moves, he will immediately advise SA [ ] and Mr. [ ].

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 25, 1966

AT: SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

NAME: INVESTIGATIVE CLERK [ ]

On February 11, 1966, Mr. [ ] MO Analyst, Wanted Persons Unit CII advised a check of their records reflect that [ ] was arrested on October 26, 1960, by Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, on a charge of CAPIAS-False Pretenses, Paragraph 253, Chapter 38, no disposition shown. File also reveals that on April 29, 1963, he was fingerprinted under the name [ ] for application for a salesman's license with the State Department of Motor Vehicles under number [ ]. At the time he made this application he listed his address as [ ] city not listed. He also indicated that the firm for which he

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would be employed would be [redacted]  
[redacted] city not listed. There was no other information  
in file regarding this individual.

On February 25, 1966, Mrs. [redacted] Driver's  
License Section, California DMV, advised that a check of their  
files reveal that California Driver's License [redacted] was issued  
on July 29, 1965, at [redacted] California, in the name  
of [redacted]  
California. He was described on this license as 5'10", 195 pounds,  
brown hair, hazel eyes, and born [redacted].

Mrs. [redacted] advised they were unable to locate  
any driver's license in the name of [redacted] or [redacted].

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Date: 4/4/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290) (P)  
 SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
 ET AL  
 NBA  
 OO: CHICAGO

Re report of SA [ ] dated 3/29/66, at  
 Chicago.

Departmental Attorney [ ] has requested that the original FD-302s reporting interviews of certain individuals who are expected to testify as Government witnesses at the trial of captioned matter which is scheduled to begin 5/2/66, in USDC, Chicago, be obtained.

Indianapolis, Los Angeles, and Milwaukee are requested to promptly forward to Chicago by RM the original FD-302s described below:

Indianapolis: [ ] on 5/18/61, at [ ]  
 Indiana.  
 [ ] on 5/18/61, at [ ]  
 Indiana.  
 [ ] on 5/15/61, at [ ]  
 Indiana.  
 [ ] on 5/15/61, at [ ] Indiana.  
 [ ] on 5/17/61, at [ ] Indiana.  
 [ ] on 5/17/61, at [ ] Indiana.  
 [ ] on 5/18/61, at [ ] Chicago, Indiana.

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 2 - Indianapolis (49-381)  
 2 - Los Angeles (49-2112)  
 2 - Milwaukee (26-10812)  
 1 - Chicago  
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[redacted] on 5/18/61, at [redacted]  
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[redacted] on 5/23/61, at [redacted]  
Indiana.  
[redacted] on 5/22 and 23/61, at  
[redacted] Indiana.  
Los Angeles: [redacted] on 9/17/65, at [redacted] b6  
California. b7C  
Milwaukee: [redacted] on 5/4/61 and 6/22/61, at  
[redacted] Wisconsin  
[redacted] on 3/8/61, 5/10/61, and  
6/22/61, at [redacted] Wisconsin.



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Date: 4/8/66

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (49-2112)(RUC)  
RE: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.  
ET AL  
NBA  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 4/4/66.

Enclosed herewith for Chicago is the original  
302 of the interview of [redacted] on 9/17/65, at  
[redacted] California.

For the information of the Bureau, Chicago was  
advised by airtel on 4/6/66, that [redacted] was located at  
[redacted] California. U. S. Marshal advised and U. S.  
Marshal served [redacted] with subpoena for trial. U. S.  
Marshal later advised that he had telephonically conveyed  
to AUSA [redacted] at Chicago, his serving of the subpoena.

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Kirkpatrick

To: SAC, Chicago (49-2290)

From: Director, FBI (49-15138) - 117

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.  
ET AL.  
NBA  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Enclosed are two copies of a Criminal Division memorandum dated April 22, 1966, in which is contained the request for a criminal and credit check on the May 2, 1966 jury panel at Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the forthcoming trial of captioned matter.

In handling this request you are to refer to instructions contained in the Manual of Rules and Regulations, Section 8, Part II, paragraph 6D. In addition, the synopsis and first paragraph of the details of your report containing the results of this investigation should point out that it is limited to a criminal and credit check at the request of the Criminal Division. Your report should also bear the caption U. S. vs (identify subjects under indictment) - Jury Panel Investigation.

Inasmuch as the trial of this matter is scheduled to commence on May 2, 1966, this investigation should be completed and reported no later than 4/29/66, with a copy of your report furnished directly to Department Attorney [redacted] who is in Chicago handling this matter.

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Enclosures (2)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

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NOTE:

This case involves Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., a bankrupt Chicago Ford agency operated by [redacted] and [redacted], who in 1961 disposed of 300 new and used cars in contemplation of bankruptcy in order to pay off heavy gambling debts to Chicago hoodlums. These cars were financed through Associates Discount Corporation.

Our investigation, which included examination of bankrupt's records and interviews with scores of individuals, established a cash concealment approximating \$300,000. As a result of this investigation, a Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois, on 7/10/64, returned a 13-count indictment charging subjects [redacted] and [redacted] with various violations of the NBA.

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The trial of this matter is tentatively scheduled to commence on 5/2/66.

## Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 22 1966

FMV:FJK:gmf  
49-23-620FROM: *F.V.*  
*W.B.* Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal DivisionSUBJECT: United States v. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Jury Panel Checkb6  
b7C*etp*  
It is requested that a criminal and credit check be made on the May 2, 1966, Jury Panel in Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the trial in United States v. [REDACTED]b6  
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Kindly make the results of the examination available to Departmental Attorney [REDACTED] at the United States Attorney's office in Chicago.

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1-Mr. Kirkpatrick

To: SAC, Chicago (49-2290)  
From: Director, FBI (49-15138) — 118

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
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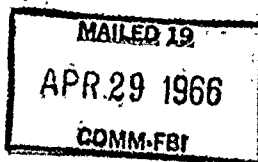
Reurairtel 4/27/66.

Bureau files reflect that SA Francis G. Kahl is presently assigned to the Los Angeles Division. At such time SA Kahl is subpoenaed to testify in this matter, you are to insure through your contact with Department Attorney [redacted] that SA Kahl's testimony is necessary and that his presence in Chicago is kept to a minimum. The Bureau is to be kept currently advised of significant developments in this case.

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On 4/29/66, Movement advised that SA Francis G. Kahl is assigned to the Los Angeles Office.



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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290) (P)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED  
ET AL  
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OO: CHICAGO

Departmental Attorney [redacted] requested on 4/26/66, that former IC FRANCIS KAHL who conducted a review of [redacted] in connection with investigation in this matter, be alerted to the possibility that his testimony in connection with this review may be required during the forthcoming trial in this case. [redacted] stated that if KAHL's testimony is necessary, he would estimate that his presence in Chicago would be needed approximately 5/16/66. [redacted] stated he would know more definitely as the trial progressed as to when and if KAHL's testimony would be needed.

Former IC KAHL is now a Special Agent and it is believed he is currently assigned Los Angeles. Bureau is requested to advise Chicago of KAHL's present assignment. Chicago will follow closely with [redacted] and advise Bureau and office where KAHL assigned when his appearance in Chicago is required.

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Date: 4/28/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (49-2112)  
RE: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED  
ET AL  
NBA  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel 4/27/66.

Former IC FRANCIS KAHL, who conducted the review of the [redacted] in connection with instant investigation, is presently a Special Agent and assigned to the Los Angeles Division. He is available to appear as a witness in the event his testimony is necessary. Chicago should promptly advise Los Angeles in the event it is necessary for SA KAHL to proceed to Chicago.

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Date: 5/6/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290) (P)  
SUBJECT: Sterling - Harris Ford, Inc.  
ET AL  
NBA - COC

Re Bureau airtel 4/29/66.

Trial in captioned matter starting 5/2/66 before USDO J. SAM PERRY. During late p.m., 5/5/66, defense entered a motion to suppress evidence consisting of records of captioned corporation, which were seized in 1961 by Bureau agents pursuant to a search warrant. During hearings on this defense motion, defendant [redacted] aka [redacted] testified. Upon cross-examination by departmental authorities, [redacted] declined to answer a question as to whether the books and records seized by Bureau agents were in the possession of captioned corporation before April and May, 1961. [redacted] was directed to answer by the court and again refused invoking privileges under the 5th Amendment. He was then held in contempt of court who stated he would take this matter under consideration and rule as to any penalties upon completion of the trial. The court thereupon denied the defense's intention to suppress the evidence.

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Bureau will be kept advised of any significant developments which may arise during the progress of the trial.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>5/12/66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/20 - 5/9/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	b6 b7C
		TYPED BY <b>lrs</b>	
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA - COC</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 3/29/66, at Chicago.  
Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 4/29/66.  
Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/6/66.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Follow and report court action.

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Pending over one year. Yes.  
Pending prosecution over six months. Yes.

APPROVED _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES MADE: (3) - Bureau (49-15138) 1 - USA, Chicago 2 - Chicago (49-2290)	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: monospace; text-align: center;">49-15138-121</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">REC-31</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">8 MAY 16 1966</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">           SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE       </div>
DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT AGENCY: <u>1 - HQ, Chicago, Old Case</u> REQUEST RECD. _____ DATE FWD. _____ HOW FWD. <u>3 - 5-24-66</u> BY: <u>3 - LPA, JPD</u>	NOTATIONS <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">           STAT. SECT.       </div>

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

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b7CReport of:  
Date:SA [REDACTED]  
5/12/66

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 49-2290

Bureau File #: 49-15138

Title: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT - CONTEMPT OF COURT

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] furnished information concerning [REDACTED] who was given a large brown envelope to deliver in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by [REDACTED] in 1961. [REDACTED] described trip to Milwaukee at [REDACTED]'s instructions, and stated he does not know contents of envelope he delivered, or identity of person to whom he gave this envelope. Trial commenced in United States District Court, Chicago, 5/2/66. [REDACTED] cited for contempt of court, 5/5/66, when he refused to answer question on cross examination while testifying on defense motion to suppress evidence. Attorneys representing Midwest Bank and Trust Company interviewed in effort to locate original checks drawn on account of Sterling Harris Ford, Incorporated, at that bank.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

[redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on April 20, 1966, and requested that SA [redacted] meet  
him in person the following day as he, [redacted] had some  
information regarding the Sterling - Harris Ford matter that  
he wished to furnish.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 26, 1966

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Mr. [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]  
[redacted] at which time he furnished  
the following information:

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He advised that he has received a trial subpoena for his appearance in United States District Court which should require his testimony in the Sterling - Harris case. He advised he is doubtful as to whether his testimony will be of value to the case and is reluctant to testify inasmuch as he fears any subsequent publicity will ruin his chances for job opportunities in the future. He stated, however, he does not want to appear hostile and is furnishing the following information in the hopes that it might help the case. He stated he desires that this information not be attributed to him as the source in the event an interview is conducted based on this information:

He advised that [redacted] while employed with the Sterling - Harris Ford Agency; another individual named [redacted] was also employed with the Sterling - Harris Company and [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that approximately one week after the automobiles in question disappeared from the Sterling - Harris lot [redacted] was called to the [redacted] office [redacted] at which time [redacted] was also present. He stated that [redacted] was given a large brown envelope by [redacted] and was instructed to take [redacted] and travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with the envelope that same afternoon and meet someone and deliver the envelope. [redacted] advised that [redacted] returned later that evening and [redacted] he never saw [redacted] again until recently. [redacted] advised that he inquired about [redacted] inasmuch as he needed [redacted] to corroborate some things in connection with the business; however, no one seemed to know where [redacted] was.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/22/66

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[redacted]  
[redacted] inquired of neighborhood sources as to the location of [redacted] without success. He stated, however, that approximately one month ago, [redacted] in the company of [redacted] contacted him at the [redacted] stating that he had heard [redacted] was looking for him. [redacted]

[redacted] and was now working for the [redacted] [redacted] advised, however, that he believes [redacted] is actually working for the [redacted] in Chicago. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] is an honest person with good intentions and that if the delivery of the envelope to Milwaukee has any significance with the Sterling - Harris case, [redacted] would submit to an interview by Bureau Agents. [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is presently residing at [redacted] Illinois.

[redacted] reiterated that he desired that he not be attributed as the source of the above information. He further advised that he may be located through telephone number [redacted].

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[redacted] Illinois,  
was interviewed in this matter at his place of employment in  
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[redacted] Illinois.

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[redacted] who advised he is also known by the nickname  
of [redacted] advised that he has been employed by the [redacted]  
[redacted] since [redacted] and is currently a [redacted]  
[redacted]. He declared that during slack periods  
[redacted] he has taken other jobs, one of which was  
with Sterling - Harris Ford in the early part of 1961. He  
said he was hired to do general work at a salary of \$75.00  
weekly.

Sometime in April, 1961, about a week and a half  
after the automobiles had disappeared from the Sterling - Harris  
lot, he was at the store operated by [redacted] with  
[redacted] when [redacted] told him he wanted  
him to take an envelope to a man in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
He agreed to do so and [redacted] gave him a sealed brown legal  
sized envelope. He said from the feel of the envelope it  
appeared to contain five or six sheets of legal size paper.  
He said [redacted] gave him \$10.00 and the name and address, on  
a separate piece of paper, of the individual in Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin, to whom he was to deliver the envelope. He could  
not recall this name and address.

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[redacted] said he used a 1956 Ford company car to make  
the trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He declared he drove to  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and found the address to be a building  
in the downtown area. [redacted]

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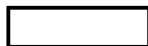
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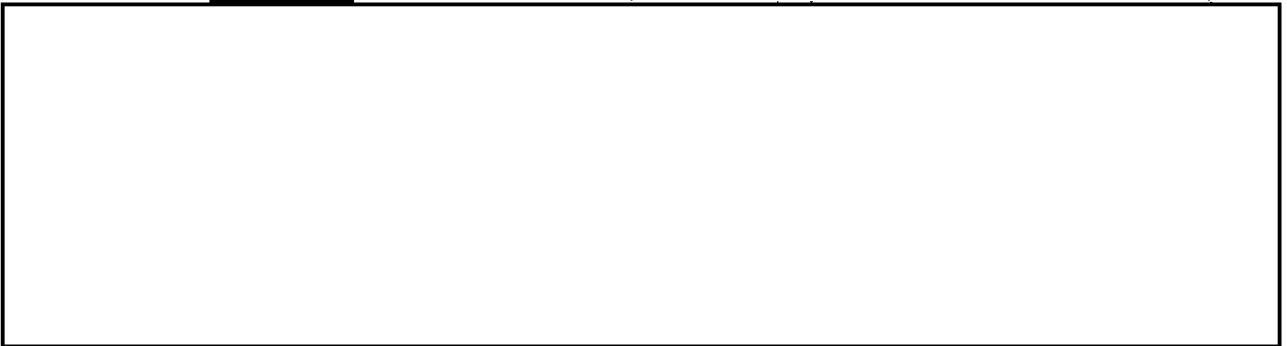
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said that about this same time he also recalled

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The following description of [redacted] was  
obtained through interview and observation:

Name

[redacted]

aka [redacted]

Address

[redacted]

Illinois

Race

White

Date of birth

[redacted]

Place of birth

Height

5'8"

Weight

175 lbs.

Hair

Brown - graying

Eyes

Gray-green

Occupation

Employer

Social Security

Number

Military Service

[redacted]

Arrest Record

Marital status

Relatives

[redacted]



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Date May 11, 19661

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois furnished the following information:

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In March, 1961, he rented the premises located at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois to [redacted]. [redacted] paid a total of \$145.04 on that date, this amount representing the rent due for the balance of March, 1961 of \$53.66, one months rent as a security deposit in the amount of \$70.00, and \$21.38 for plate glass insurance for the period from March 8, 1961 to September 30, 1961. This was the only payment made to [redacted] by [redacted] and on June 19, 1961, the security deposit was applied to past due rent, and the records of [redacted] show that the premises were vacated on August 31, 1961. [redacted] actually occupied the premises for only a few days, and [redacted] recalls that there was a lot of confusion and complaints from neighboring tenants caused by the bankruptcy of Sterling-Harris Ford about the time [redacted] leased the above building. The application for a lease which was filled out by [redacted] from information furnished by [redacted] March 6, 1961 shows that [redacted] had been [redacted] for Sterling-Harris Ford [redacted].

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[redacted] recalled that he had to go to Sterling-Harris Ford to get [redacted] to sign the lease. The period of the lease was from March 8, 1961 to September 30, 1961 at a monthly rental of \$70.00. The signed lease was sent to the owner of the building, [redacted] [redacted] on June 21, 1961.

On 5/2/66 at Chicago, Illinois File # 49-2290

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Departmental Attorney [ ] advised on May 6, 1966, that on the previous day during the trial in this matter, which commenced on May 2, 1966, a hearing was held on a defense motion to suppress evidence consisting of certain records of Sterling - Harris Ford, Incorporated, seized in 1961. by Bureau Agents pursuant to a search warrant. Defendant [ ] testified in support of this motion. Upon cross examination by Departmental Attorney [ ] declined to answer a question as to whether the records in question were located on the premises of Apex Fibres, 865 North Sangamon, Chicago, where these records were seized, between April 1, and May 16, 1961. [ ] declined to answer this question, and was instructed to answer by the court. [ ] again declined to answer, invoking the privileges of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution. [ ] was thereupon held in contempt by the court, who took the matter under consideration until completion of the trial. The defense motion to suppress the evidence was denied. b6 b7C

Mr. [ ] requested on May 6, 1966, that [ ] an attorney with the firm of Cummings and Wyman, who had furnished copies of records of the Midwest Bank and Trust Company during the course of investigation conducted in this matter, be interviewed in an effort to locate the originals of three Sterling - Harris Ford, Incorporated, checks, each in the amount of \$10,000.00 and payable to Cash. Mr. [ ] noted that since Mr. [ ] had furnished copies of these checks, the originals might still be in his possession or in the files of the law firm which represented the Midwest Bank and Trust Company. b6 b7C

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Date 5/11/661

[redacted] of the firm Cummings and Wyman, 1 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

The correspondence files of Cummings and Wyman pertaining to that firm's client, the Midwest Bank and Trust Company, Elmwood Park, Illinois, disclose that by letter dated May 4, 1961, [redacted] of the Midwest Bank and Trust Company transmitted to Cummings and Wyman, to the attention of [redacted] certain documents pertaining to the account of Sterling - Harris Ford, Inc. described "as all cancelled checks and charge-back items" in the possession of the bank. By letter dated May 9, 1961, these documents were returned to the Midwest Bank and Trust Company to the attention of [redacted] by [redacted]. In his letter returning these documents, [redacted] stated that the documents should be retained inasmuch as they may be needed in the future. [redacted]'s letter also mentions that copies of the documents were furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The documents are not further described in either the letter from the Midwest Bank and Trust Company or [redacted]'s letter returning the documents to the bank.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/10/66

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Date 5/10/66

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[redacted]  
Illinois furnished the following information:

In May, 1961, when he was associated with the law firm of Cummings and Wyman, 1 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, he handled a matter concerning the Midwest Bank and Trust Company, which bank was a client of Cummings and Wyman, in the absence of [redacted] who normally handled matters regarding the above bank. As [redacted] recalls, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had contacted the Midwest Bank and Trust Company concerning the account at the bank of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated. Because that company had gone into bankruptcy shortly before, the bank referred the agents to their attorneys, Cummings and Wyman. [redacted] obtained certain records in the possession of the bank pertaining to the account of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, and these records were made available to Special Agent or Special Agents in the offices of Cummings and Wyman, and copies of some or all of these records were furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted] does not recall whether or not he saw the original records of the Midwest Bank and Trust Company. These records were sent to the offices of Cummings and Wyman by the bank, and were returned to the bank after they had been made available to, and copies furnished, the agents or agent.

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[redacted] was shown copies of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated checks numbered 5671, 5688, and 5689, each payable to cash and each in the amount of \$10,000.00. He stated that these copies were not made in the offices of Cummings and Wyman, because the reproducing equipment used by the firm at that time was a Thermofax which would not produce the type of copy as the above described checks. He did not believe that the Midwest Bank and Trust Company had equipment at that time which would make the type of copy of a document as the above described checks. He stated

On 5/6/66 at [redacted] Illinois File # CG 49-2290

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that the documents were probably sent out to be reproduced. He telephonically contacted the office of Cummings and Wyman and determined that the Midwest Bank and Trust Company was not charged for an expenditure by Cummings and Wyman for making copies of records in April or May, 1961.

[redacted] did not recall the name of the Special Agent or Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to whom the records of the Midwest Bank and Trust Company were made available in May, 1961, nor does he recall if there was more than one Special Agent. b6 b7C

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Date: 5/13/66

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)

ATTENTION:  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2290)

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL  
NEA-COC

Reference report of SA [redacted] 5/12/66,  
at Chicago.

Departmental Attorneys at Chicago today requested  
exemplary copies of [redacted]

[redacted] who was reportedly [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] were originally scheduled  
to testify as government witnesses in trial of captioned matter  
however, both have apparently been uncooperative and [redacted]  
is admittedly a [redacted]  
Departmental attorneys now feel [redacted] and [redacted] will  
be defense witnesses and desires copies of [redacted]  
for use in cross examination.

Chicago files contain no identification record for  
[redacted]. [redacted]'s identification record as of 4/2/58.  
FBI Number [redacted] shows two civil prints.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	150 pounds

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2 - Milwaukee (26-10812)  
1 - Chicago

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Build	Slim
Hair	White
Complexion	Ruddy
Age	50-55 years

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race	White	b6
Sex	Male	b7C
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]	b7D
Place of Birth	New York, New York	
Height	5'7"	
Weight	190 pounds	
Build	Stout	
Hair	Black	
Eyes	Brown	
Complexion	Fair	
FBI Number	[REDACTED]	

Departmental attorneys have also requested original FD-302 for interview of [REDACTED] at Milwaukee on 5/1/66.

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The Identification Division is requested to ~~expediently~~ furnish Chicago current identification records for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Milwaukee forward original 302 for interview of [REDACTED] to Chicago.

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TO DIRECTOR 49-15138 MAIL DETROIT, MEMPHIS, OMAHA AND NEW YORK.

----- NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON -----

FROM CHICAGO 49-2290

STERLING - HARRIS, INC., NBA - COC.

Mr. Tolson  
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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS TRYING CAPTIONED CASE USDC, CHICAGO, DESIRE

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EXPECTED TO TESTIFY AS DEFENSE WITNESS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-15138)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (49-NEW) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: STERLING HARRIS, INCORPORATED  
NBA-COC

ReCGtel 5/19/66.

The following documents are enclosed herewith for  
Chicago:

1. Exemplified copy of indictment of [redacted]  
for Arson-Third Degree, dated 10/17/27 and plea  
of guilty on 10/18/27.
2. Exemplified copy of Fingerprint Record of [redacted]  
[redacted] from Identification Bureau,  
Police Department, County of Nassau, Mineola, NY.
3. Exemplified copy of indictment of [redacted]  
[redacted] for Forgery  
Third Degree dated 12/9/38 and plea of guilty  
12/16/38.

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The proceedings relating to the arrest of [redacted]  
[redacted] by NYCPD on 8/20/34 for forgery were  
held in Special Sessions Court, Manhattan. [redacted]  
Clerk of Criminal Court, who also handles records of Special  
Sessions Court, advised that documents are destroyed after being

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held for twenty years. Therefore, the documents pertaining to the indictment of [redacted] in August, 1934 have been destroyed. [redacted] advised that the ledgers in which the indictments and connections are recorded are maintained for that period if desired.

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 SUBJECT: STERLING HARRIS, INC.  
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In addition to the documents furnished with referenced airtel, the following document was made available and is enclosed herewith for Chicago:

Exemplified copy of indictment of [redacted] and others no. [redacted] for Arson and plea of guilty dated, 10/18/27.

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FBI CHICAGO

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TO: DIRECTOR (49-15139)  
FROM: CHICAGO (49-2290)

NATIONAL Bankruptcy Act - Contempt of Court

STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC., NBA - COC

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM SERVED ON SAC ELEVEN FORTY AM TODAY BY

ATTORNEY FOR

FOR ALL PHOTOGRAPHS OF

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JUNE TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYONE AND  
U.S. District Court

ON ANY DATE. SUBPOENA RETURNABLE USDC ELEVEN AM

TODAY. AND GOVERNMENT WITNESSES TESTIFYING

TODAY. MILWAUKEE SAS AS WELL AS SAC,

CHICAGO, ALSO NAMED IN SUBPOENA. SAS INTERVIEWED AND

DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. USA HANRAHAN AND DEPARTMENTAL

ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY ADVISED. AT TWO O'CLOCK

TODAY, OUT OF PRESENCE OF JURY, ARGUED SUBPOENA NOT

PROPERLY SERVED INASMUCH AS AND NOT ASSIGNED

CHICAGO. SA TESTIFIED AS REPRESENTATIVE SAC AND

PRODUCED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS AND RUGENDORF

AND PHOTO FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO, AND

WHICH WERE OBTAINED DURING INVESTIGATION AT CHICAGO BY FORMER SA

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

TO MAY 25 1966

[REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED] CHICAGO REPORTER.

ABOVE PHOTOGRAPHS ONLY PHOTOS IN POSSESSION CHICAGO OFFICE. PRINTS OF ABOVE PHOTOS ALREADY IN POSSESSION DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS. FOLLOWING COMPARISON OF PHOTOS PRODUCED BY SA [REDACTED] AND PHOTOS IN POSSESSION OF DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, [REDACTED] APPARENTLY SATISFIED AND DID NOT DEMAND APPEARANCE MILWAUKEE AGENTS. <sup>United States District Judge</sup> USDJ J. SAM PERRY ALSO SATISFIED WITH PHOTOS PRODUCED. [REDACTED] CONSIDERS [REDACTED] SUBPOENA SMOKE SCREEN TACTICS DESIGNED TO HARASS AND ANNOY GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF FURTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. MILWAUKEE ADVISED BY MAIL.

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*cc Mr. Rosen*

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is a planned bankruptcy case in which [redacted] and [redacted] who operated Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., a Chicago, Illinois Ford agency, in 1961 disposed of 300 new and used cars in contemplation of bankruptcy in order to pay off heavy gambling debts to Chicago hoodlums. Our investigation, which established a cash concealment approximating \$300,000, resulted in an indictment being returned on 7/10/64 by a Chicago Federal grand jury charging [redacted] and two other individuals with violations of National Bankruptcy Act and Conspiracy statutes.

The photographs, now marked as government exhibits in this trial, were originally displayed to witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] by Bureau Agents in order to effect identification of subjects.

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TO DIRECTOR (49-15138) AND MILWAUKEE (26-10812)  
FROM CHICAGO (49-2290)

STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC., NBA - COC.

RE CHICAGO TELEPHONE CALL TO MILWAUKEE TODAY.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED] TODAY REQUESTED

APPEARANCE MILWAUKEE SA IN USDC, CHICAGO, JUNE ONE, NEXT, AS  
NECESSARY GOVERNMENT WITNESS IN TRIAL THIS MATTER TO TESTIFY

RE INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND

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IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTOS BY THEM. SA ALSO TO BRING PHOTOS  
SHOWN. PURSUANT TO RE TELEPHONE CALL, SA [REDACTED]

WILL APPEAR USDC, CHICAGO BY TEN AM, JUNE ONE, NEXT. UACB.

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NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT - Contempt of Court  
STERLING DASH HARRIS FORD INC.; ET AL. NBA DASH COG.

JURY RETURNED GUILTY VERDICTS TODAY AS TO ALL DEFENDANTS ON  
TWELVE COUNTS OF THIRTEEN COUNT INDICTMENT. JURY FOUND ALL  
DEFENDANTS NOT GUILTY ON COUNT TWO CHARGING VIOLATION, TITLE  
EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE NINE FIVE ONE. PRE SENTENCE INVESTIGATION  
ORDERED. DISPOSITION SET FOR JULY ONE NEXT.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC-MR. ROSEN

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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The Anti-Racketeering count of the indictment (Title 18, Section 1951) on which all subjects were found not guilty pertains to subjects' attempts to extort money and property from purchasers of cars in Wisconsin.

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*LMW* *[Signature]*

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TO DIRECTOR (49-15138) (49-15623)

FROM CHICAGO (49-2290) 1P

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STERLING- HARRIS FORD, INC.; ETAL, NBA.

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ALL SUBJECTS SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS CUSTODY AG AND FINED  
TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TODAY ON CONSPIRACY COUNT. [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] ALSO SENTENCED FIVE YEARS CUSTODY AG ON NBA VIOLATIONS,

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SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY WITH SENTENCE ON CONSPIRACY COUNT.

REPORTS FOLLOW.

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Department of Justice  
Washington 20530

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 15, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed copy of  
a staff memorandum commending Special Agents [redacted]  
and [redacted] for their participation in the case of United States v.  
[redacted] et al. in Chicago.

I congratulate these agents for their part in the successful  
culmination of the long and difficult preparation and prosecution.

Sincerely,

*Fred M. Vinson, Jr.*  
Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

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Criminal Division

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[redacted] Attorney  
Organized Crime & Racketeering Section

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United States v. [redacted] et al.  
Criminal No. [redacted]  
Chicago, Illinois

As you know, [redacted] and I recently tried the case of United States v. [redacted] et al. before Judge J. Sam Perry in Chicago, Illinois. All defendants were convicted on the conspiracy count, including Leo Rugendorf and [redacted] two reputed crime syndicate members closely allied with "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio. [redacted] of the ~~Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc.~~ auto agency were also found guilty of substantive bankruptcy offenses.

Judge Perry, in sentencing the four defendants, termed the fraud "colossal" and "not the work of beginners". Rugendorf and [redacted] were each sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment and fined \$10,000. [redacted] were each sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and fined \$10,000. Bond pending appeal was denied.

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The primary purpose of this memorandum is to commend the superior work on this case of Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent [redacted] was assigned this case in January 1966 after the retirement of Special Agent [redacted]. Throughout the pre-trial preparation and during the trial, Special Agent [redacted] displayed remarkable ability in interviewing potential witnesses and gathering other information vital to the successful prosecution of this case. He exhibited outstanding perseverance, imagination and promptness in all phases of his work, including the locating of a key witness whom we believe fled Chicago to avoid testifying.

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Special Agent [redacted] Inserra, who testified in this case; and Special Agent [redacted] were also of significant assistance during the trial of this case.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the public generally, is fortunate to have such outstanding and dedicated men engaged in law enforcement work. The performances of Special Agent [redacted] and [redacted] and particularly Special Agent [redacted] again demonstrate the traditional high qualities of the FBI. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, is to be congratulated upon the performance of these agents and the FBI in this case.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>7/11/66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/10 - 7/1/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY b6 b7C pag
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>NBA-CONSPIRACY; COC</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 5/12/66, at Chicago.  
Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated June 8 and July 1, 1966.

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(8) Disposition Sheets re  and three  
copies each of Parole Reports re

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of:  
Date:SA [REDACTED]  
7/1/66

Office: Chicago

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Field Office File #: 49-15138.

Bureau File #: 49-2290

Title: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INCORPORATED;  
ET ALCharacter: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT - CONSPIRACY;  
CONTEMPT OF COURT

## Synopsis:

On 6/8/66, jury found [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] guilty on counts charging conspiracy and violation National Bankruptcy Act. Jury found [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] not guilty on one count charging violation Title 18, Section 1951, U.S. Code. On 7/1/66, [REDACTED] sentenced to custody Attorney General for five years and fined \$10,000 for violation Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code. [REDACTED] sentenced to custody Attorney General for five years for violation Title 18, Section 152, U.S. Code, sentences to run consecutively. [REDACTED] sentenced to custody Attorney General for five years and fined \$10,000 for violation Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code. [REDACTED] sentenced to custody Attorney General for five years for violation Title 18, Section 152, U.S. Code, sentences to run consecutively. Departmental Attorney advised [REDACTED] has repaid Associates Discount, Inc., \$52,000 since October, 1963, under settlement agreement. Fines \$20,000. Recovery \$52,000.

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ENCLOSURETO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Workpapers of SA HENRY HIRSCHENBERGER.



CG 49-15138

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On June 8, 1966, the jury returned a verdict of guilty as to [ ] and [ ] on the count charging them with conspiracy. The jury recommended leniency as to [ ]. The jury also returned verdicts of guilty as to [ ] on a total of 10 counts in which he was charged with violation of the National Bankruptcy Act. The jury also found [ ] guilty on six counts in which he was charged with violation of the National Bankruptcy Act. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty on the count in which [ ] and [ ] were charged with violation of Title 18, Section 1951, United States Code. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing was set for July 1, 1966.

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On July 1, 1966, United States District Judge J. SAM PERRY sentenced [ ] to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years and fined him \$10,000 for violation of Title 18, Section 371, United States Code. Judge PERRY also sentenced [ ] to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years on each of 10 counts charging him with violation Title 18, Section 152, United States Code, these sentences to run concurrently with each other but consecutively with the sentence for violation Title 18, Section 371, United States Code.

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Judge PERRY sentenced [ ] to custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years and fined him \$10,000 for violation Title 18, Section 371, United States Code. Judge PERRY also sentenced [ ] to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years of each of six counts charging him with violation of Title 18, Section 152, United States Code, these sentences running concurrently with each other but consecutively to the sentence for violation Title 18, Section 371, United States Code.

Departmental Attorney [ ] advised on July 1, 1966, that [ ] has repaid Associates Discount, Incorporated, the major creditor of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, a total of approximately \$52,000 since October, 1963, under an agreement with Associates Discount, Incorporated.

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# PAROLE REPORT

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>CHICAGO</b>	Office of Origin <b>CHICAGO</b>	Date <b>7/11/66</b>
Name of Convict with Aliases:  <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 250px;"></div>	Report Made By SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	Typed By pag
	Violation:  <b>NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT - CONSPIRACY</b>	

Outline of Offense: **Convict, a Principal with**  **in Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, conspired with**  **LEO RUGENDORF and**  **to conceal approx-**  
**imately 112 automobiles and approximately \$226,000 cash from Receiver**  
**and Trustee in Bankruptcy. Convict further conspired with**  **RUGENDORF and**  **to transport approximately 112 automobiles**  
**from Chicago, Illinois, to Wisconsin for sale to residents of**  
**Wisconsin. Convict concealed from duly appointed Receiver and Trustee**  
**in the Bankruptcy of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc., a total of approximately**  
**\$275,000 cash.**

Date and place of indictment;  
or information filed: **7/10/64, Chicago, Illinois.**

Code and section under which charged: **Title 18, Section 152, 371 and 1951, U.S. Code.**

Section under which sentenced: **Title 18, Section 152 and 371, U.S. Code.**

**Section 4208(a)(2) (Applies to sentence for violation Section 152 only)**  
 Date and nature of plea: **8/7/64 - Not Guilty**

Date and place of conviction: **6/8/66, Chicago, Illinois**

Date and duration of sentence: **7/1/66 - 5 years custody Attorney General for violation**  
**Title 18, Sec. 371, USC and 5 years custody Attorney**  
**General for violation Title 18, Sec. 152, USC to run**  
**consecutively.**

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances:

**There are no known aggravating circumstances. The jury, upon returning**  
**the verdict, recommended leniency for**  **has**  
**personally repaid Associates Discount Corporation, the major creditor**  
**of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, a total of approximately \$52,000**  
**subsequent to the involuntary Bankruptcy of Sterling-Harris, Ford, Inc.,**  
**in 1961.**  **of Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc.**

Approved: Special Agent in Charge	Do Not Write in Spaces Below
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# PAROLE REPORT

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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	Violation:  <div style="text-align: right;">b6 b7C</div> <b>NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT - CONSPIRACY</b>	

Outline of Offense: Convict, a Principal with  in Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated, conspired with  LEO RUGENDORF,  to conceal approximately 112 automobiles and approximately \$226,000 cash from Receiver and Trustee in Bankruptcy. Convict further conspired with  RUGENDORF and  to transport approximately 112 automobiles from Chicago, Illinois, to Wisconsin and sell these automobiles to Wisconsin residents. Convict concealed vital books and records of Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated from duly appointed Receiver and Trustee in the Bankruptcy of Sterling-Harris (See page 2).

Date and place of indictment;  
or information filed: **7/10/64, Chicago, Illinois.**

Code and section under which charged: **Title 18, Section 2, 152, 371, and 1951, U.S. Code.**

Section under which sentenced: **Title 18, Section 152 and 371, U.S. Code.**

**Section 4208(a)(2) (Applies to sentence for violation Section 152 only).**

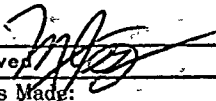
Date and nature of plea:  
**8/7/64 - Not Guilty**

Date and place of conviction:  
**6/8/66, Chicago, Illinois**

Date and duration of sentence: **7/1/66 - 5 years custody Attorney General for violation Title 18, Sec. 371, USC; and 5 years custody Attorney General for Fines: \$10,000 violation Title 18, Sec. 152, USC, to run consecutively.**

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances:

**There are no known aggravating or mitigating circumstances.**

Approved: 	Special Agent in Charge	Do Not Write in Spaces Below		
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<b>ENCLOSURE</b>				

Ford, Incorporated. Convict further concealed approximately \$285,000 cash from duly appointed Receiver and Trustee in Bankruptcy.

Date of Mail 11-30-66

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL



*Sterling-Harris  
Ford, Inc.*

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File Number 49-15138-1318

Permanent Serial Charge Out

Date of Mail 12-28-66

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Sterling-Harris Ford Incorporated;

Removed By 65 JAN 13 1967

File Number 49-15138-132

Permanent Serial Charge Out

Date of Mail 1-16-67

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch,

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Sterling-Harris Ford, Inc.

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File Number 49-15138-133

Permanent Serial Charge Out

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January 9, 1967

FMV:EM:gmf  
49-23-606

FROM: F.V. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated;  
[redacted] also known as;  
[redacted] Leo Rugendorf;  
[redacted] also known as;  
National Bankruptcy Act - Conspiracy

Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 29, 1966, pursuant to our letter of November 23, 1966, and your original reply dated December 12, 1966, regarding the above-entitled matter.

It is requested that the Bureau furnish Mr. [redacted] Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, copies of all logs, transcripts, air-tels and memoranda made in the course of the electronic surveillance described in the referenced memorandum. It is essential that all pertinent material be forwarded for a proper review of the matter in question.

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see letter to Bureau 1/16/67  
SAS: [redacted]



SAC, Chicago (49-2290)

May 2, 1967

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Director, FBI (49-15138) — 135

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STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL.  
NBA - CONSPIRACY; COC

Enclosed herewith are two copies of Departmental memorandum which makes reference to Bureau memorandum of December 29, 1966, pertaining to electronic surveillance coverage.

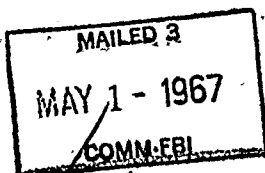
The enclosed is self-explanatory. No action deemed necessary.

Enclosures (2)

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1 - 62-318 (Electronic Surveillance Check)



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 27, 1967  
FMV:JCK:acs  
123-66

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated;  
[redacted] also known as;  
[redacted] Leo Rugendorf;  
[redacted] also known as;  
National Bankruptcy Act - Conspiracy

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Reference is made to your memorandum of December 29, 1966, regarding electronic coverage of the individuals involved in the captioned case which is presently on appeal in the Seventh Circuit.

We have reviewed the logs which were furnished to this Division on January 13, 1967, and have concluded that voluntary disclosure is not required in this case. Accordingly, the logs are being returned to the Bureau under separate cover.

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cc - 62-318 (Electronic Surveillance, Chas.)  
Letter to SAC, CG  
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Date: 12/18/67

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL  
NBA - COC  
(Bureau File 49-15138)  
(Chicago File 49-2290) (P)

[redacted] aka;

ET AL  
NBA - CONSPIRACY; PERJURY; AR  
(Bureau File 49-15623)  
(Chicago File 49-2332) (P)

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 7/11/66, at Chicago, captioned "STERLING-HARRIS FORD, INC.; ET AL" and report of SA [redacted] dated 7/8/66, at Chicago, captioned [redacted] aka; ET AL".

On 12/13/67, the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, Chicago, Illinois, reversed the judgments of conviction for all subjects. The causes were remanded for further proceeding.

In its opinion, the Court of Appeals cited a number of errors and held that the defendants did not have a fair trial. Based upon these errors, a new trial is warranted.

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The Court held that error was committed in the manner in which instructions were given and in the Lower Court's response to the questions asked by the jury.

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1 - 49-2332

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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The defendants sought to suppress as evidence documents referred to in Counts 3 and 4 of the indictment obtained as a result of an alleged illegal search and seizure by FBI Agents at Apex Fibers, Inc., 865 Sangamon Street, Chicago, on 5/16/61. The room from which the records were taken was used by [redacted] as an office. The Trial Court denied the motion to suppress on the grounds that [redacted] had no standing to make the motion (proprietary interest). In this ruling, the Trial Court was in error.

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In showing probable cause for the search warrant, FBI Agents relied on their observations of these records in a certain office. The Court said the issue is whether the Agents were lawfully on the premises where they saw the records. Whether the Agents were lawfully on the premises can be answered by the District Judge on retrial.

#### LEADS

#### CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 1. Will promptly obtain, summarize and forward Court of Appeals briefs to Bureau.

2. Will follow and report retrial of subjects.

Date 1/8/68

To:

☒ Director (49-15138)  
(49-15623)

☒ E CG 49-2290; 49-2332

Att.: (Reg. Mail)

Title STERLING HARRIS FORD, INC

☐ SAC

ET AL

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NBA - COC

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

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NBA - CONSPIRACY;

☐ IC

PURJURY; AR

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RE: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Clerk

☐ Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTION DESIRED

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☐ Open Case

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☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

REFERENCE CHICAGO LETTER TO BUREAU

DATED 1/5/68, TRANSMITTING NINE (9) ENCLOSURES.

THE ABOVE ENCLOSURES WERE INADVERTENTLY  
DETACHED FROM CHICAGO LETTER AND NOT SUBMITTED  
TO BUREAU. ENCLOSURES ATTACHED.

ENCLOSURE  
REGISTERED MAIL

SAC W. W. JOHNSON

Office CHICAGO

WMP: See reverse side

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STERLING HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
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Reurlet dated 1/5/68. *sm 137*

Bureau in receipt of relet, however, enclosures not received. Chicago immediately forward enclosures (9) by registered mail.

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Wm. L. Gifford, JR. RM 2248

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/5/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: STERLING HARRIS FORD, INC.;  
ET AL  
NBA - COC  
(BUFILE 49-15138)  
(CHICAGO FILE 49-2290)  
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ET AL  
NBA - CONSPIRACY; PURJURY; AR  
(BUFILE 49-15623)  
(CHICAGO FILE 49-2332)  
(P)

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 12/18/67.

Enclosed to the Bureau is one copy each of the following briefs or documents filed on appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit:

Brief for [REDACTED]

Brief for [REDACTED]

Brief for Appellant LEO RUGENDORF, No. 15767.

Brief for [REDACTED]

Brief for Appellee (United States Government)  
Nos. [REDACTED] and 15767.

Reply Brief for Appellants, Nos. [REDACTED] and 15767.

Appellants' Joint Partial Brief, Appendix, Nos. [REDACTED] and 15767.

Appellants' Appendix, Volume II, Nos. [REDACTED] and 15767.

- (4) - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)  
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CG 49-2332

Opinion of United States Court of Appeals for the  
Seventh Circuit, 12/13/67.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]:

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The enclosures submitted to the Bureau were  
provided on 12/18/67 by Deputy Clerk [REDACTED]  
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit,  
Chicago, Illinois.

This case evolved from a complicated matter wherein  
the defendant - appellants were charged with conspiracy  
and substantive violations of the Bankruptcy Act, Title 18,  
United States Code, Section 152, and with violation of the  
Dyer Act, Title 18, United States Code, Section 2312.

The defendant - appellants were also charged with  
violation of the Interstate Extortion Act, Title 18, United  
States Code, Section 1951, but were all found not guilty  
of this violation by a jury.

In their Appeal Briefs, the defendant - appellants  
complained of prejudicial errors which related to race mis-  
joinder of counts, instruction of the jury, denial of a motion  
to suppress, admission of incompetent evidence, prejudicial  
instructions as to a recommendations of leniency regarding  
[REDACTED] and failure of proof of 2 substantive counts as to  
[REDACTED]

The Government argued that there were no errors  
in the following contested issues:

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1. Is the Indictment sufficient?
2. Is the evidence sufficient to support the conviction  
of the defendant [REDACTED]?
3. Did the District Court err in denying defendant  
[REDACTED]'s motion for severance?
4. Did the District Court err in denying the Motion to  
Suppress?
5. Did the District Court err in the admission and  
exclusion of evidence?
6. Was Brady v. Maryland violated?
7. Did the allusion by the District Court to the Court  
of Appeals deprive the defendants of a fair trial?
8. Did the District Court err in its original and  
supplemental instructions to the jury?



CG 49-2290  
CG 49-2332

On 12/13/67, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit reversed the Judgements of Conviction for all subjects and remanded the causes for further proceedings.

In its opinion, the Court of Appeals cited a number of errors and held that the defendant did not have a fair trial.

The Court held that error was committed in the manner in which instructions were given and in the lower court's response to the questions asked by the jury.

The defendants sought to suppress as evidence documents referred to in Counts 3 and 4 of the indictment which was obtained as a result of an alleged illegal search and seizure by FBI Agents at Apex Fibers, Incorporated, 865 Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois, on 5/16/61. The room from which the records were taken was used by [redacted] as an office. The trial court denied the motion to suppress on the grounds that [redacted] had no standing to make the motion (proprietary interest). In this ruling, the trial court was in error.

In showing probable cause for the search warrant, FBI Agents relied on their observation of these records in a certain office. The court said the issue is whether the agents were lawfully on the premises where they saw the records. Whether the agents were lawfully on the premises can be answered by the District Judge on retrial.

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[redacted] AUSA, Chicago, advised on 12/22/67 that the Government will file a petition for rehearing to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. If this is not granted, the case will be retried by the Government.

#### LEADS

#### CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will follow and report court action of subjects in the Court of Appeals or retrial in the USDC.

2.. Will submit disposition sheets for subjects to Bureau showing reversal of Judgements of Conviction.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/11/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: Sterling-Harris Ford, Incorporated;  
ET AL  
NBA - COC  
(BUFILE 49-15138)✓  
(CGFILE 49-2290) (P)

APPEAL

[REDACTED] aka;  
ET AL  
NBA - CONSPIRACY;  
PERJURY; AR  
(BUFILE 49-15623)  
(CGFILE 49-2332) (P)

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 1/5/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are amended disposition sheets (R-84) for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (BUFILE 49-15138); and for [REDACTED] and LEO RUGENDORF (BUFILE 49-15623) reflecting reversal of judgements of conviction by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago, on December 13, 1967.

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On January 10, 1968, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED], Chief, Appellate Section, Chicago, advised that a petition for re-hearing was filed by the Government (Appellee) on January 5, 1968.

Chicago will follow appellate action and keep Bureau advised.

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- 2 - Chicago

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Disposition Sheet's Attached in Feb 4 1-15-68

SAC, Chicago (49-2290) (49-2332)

1/18/68

Director, FBI (49-15138) (49-15623)

1 - Mr. Frankenfield

STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC.,  
ET AL.  
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

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[REDACTED] aka,  
ET AL.  
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT,  
CONSPIRACY

*per 137*  
ReCGlet 1/5/68 enclosing copies of briefs  
filed on appeal in this case in which the convictions  
were reversed and cases remanded to the District Court  
for further proceedings.

Chicago should closely follow further court  
action in this matter and promptly furnish Bureau any  
pertinent developments.

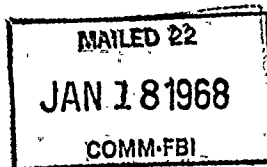
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 19, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: STERLING - HARRIS FORD, INC., ET AL.  
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT - CONSPIRACY -  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
MOTOR VEHICLE

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen  
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SYNOPSIS: This is to advise that on 12/13/67 the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the convictions of [redacted] for violation of the National Bankruptcy Act (NBA), Conspiracy, and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle (ITSMV) Statutes and remanded the case to the U. S. District Court for further proceedings. The Court of Appeals' action is based on errors committed by the Trial Court in its instructions to the jury and the Trial Court's denial of a Motion to Suppress evidence seized under a search warrant by Bureau Agents. With respect to this latter point, Bureau Agents while attempting to locate a witness visited office of Apex Fibres where witness previously indicated he could be contacted. Agents upon arriving at this office found it open but unattended. While there, they observed in plain view two open top boxes which were determined to contain concealed records of the bankrupt. The U. S. Attorney was immediately contacted and after being advised as to the foregoing, prepared a search warrant which was thereafter authorized by a U. S. District Judge. It was on the basis of the search warrant that the concealed records were seized by the Bureau Agents. Government's Brief contends Agents' entry into Apex Fibres was lawful. Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, states Government will petition Court of Appeals for rehearing. If denied, case will be retried.

ACTION: This is submitted for information. Our Chicago Office is following further court action in this matter.

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### DETAILS

BACKGROUND: This case concerns the planned bankruptcy of Sterling - Harris Ford, Inc. (a Chicago, Illinois, Ford Agency operated by [redacted] and involves the disposition of approximately 300 new and used automobiles in early 1961 shortly prior to the filing of an involuntary Petition in Bankruptcy 3/13/61. Proceeds from sale of autos were used to pay off heavy gambling debts to Chicago hoodlums. Approximately \$300,000 in cash was concealed. On 6/8/66, at conclusion of a month-long trial, all defendants were convicted of violating the NBA, Conspiracy, and ITSMV Statutes. [redacted] and [redacted] were sentenced to ten years in prison and fined \$10,000 each. Rugendorf and [redacted] were sentenced to five years in jail and fined \$10,000 each. Rugendorf and [redacted] are reputed crime syndicate members closely associated with "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio (a well-known Chicago hoodlum).

APPELLANTS' BRIEFS: Appeal briefs filed in April, 1967, with the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago raise several issues, all of a legal nature. The contested points are: (1) Is the indictment sufficient? (2) Is the evidence sufficient to support conviction [redacted] (3) Did court err in denying Motion for Severance? (4) Did court err in Motion to Suppress? (5) Did court err in admission and exclusion of evidence? (6) Did court deliberately withhold necessary and relevant evidence from defense? (7) Did allusion by the District Court to the Court of Appeals deprive defense of fair trial? and (8) Did trial court err in its instructions to the jury?

The only pertinent reference to the Bureau and its investigation is contained in the issue relating to the Trial Court's denying of a Motion to Suppress. This concerns the introduction into evidence of a large number of exhibits which the defense claimed were seized illegally by Bureau Agents. [redacted] claimed that the records seized (records of the bankrupt which had been concealed) were obtained from his private office and he never gave Agents permission to enter or search his premises.

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SEIZURE OF RECORDS: With respect to the seizure of records, on 5/16/61 two of our Chicago Agents, while attempting to locate a witness, visited the office of Apex Fibres (a Chicago waste rag processing firm owned by [redacted] [redacted] where the witness had previously indicated he could be contacted. The Agents upon arriving at this office found it open but unattended. While there, they observed in plain view two open top boxes which they determined contained concealed records of the bankrupt. The U. S. Attorney's Office, Chicago was immediately contacted and after being informed of the foregoing, prepared an affidavit for a search warrant. The search warrant was thereafter issued by U. S. District Judge Julius H. Miner which authorized searching the premises of Apex Fibres and seizing the concealed records. It was on the basis of the search warrant that the concealed records were seized by the Bureau Agents on 5/16/61.

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GOVERNMENT'S BRIEF: The Government's Brief strongly refuted all contentions raised in the appeal briefs and requested that the convictions be affirmed. With respect to the issue bearing on the seizure of records, the Government's Brief contends that the transcript of the proceedings is replete with evidence sustaining the position that entry into Apex Fibres was lawful and not in violation of defendants' Fourth Amendment privileges and that defendants lacked standing to object to the introduction of the seized records.

ACTION OF THE COURT OF APPEALS: The Court of Appeals in reversing the convictions, held that errors were committed by the Trial Court in its instructions to the jury and that the Trial Court erred in denying the Motion to Suppress evidence seized by Bureau Agents under the search warrant. According to the Circuit Court, the District Judge did not resolve the issue as to whether the Agents were lawfully on the premises when they first noticed the presence of the records.

CONCLUSIONS: Assistant U. S. Attorney, [redacted] Chicago, has advised our Chicago Office that the Government intends to petition the Court of Appeals for a rehearing. If this is denied, the case will be retried by the Government.

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If not already done, Chicago should consider preparation of an interesting case write-up in connection with this bankruptcy matter. This should include the activities of Leo Rugendorf and [redacted] as relates to the bankruptcy and related violations in this case.

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 (OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/11/68 and Bureau letter to Chicago dated 1/18/68. *per 138*

A review of docket nos. 15765 through 67 in the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago on 2/23/68 by SA WILLIAM M. PARKER reflected that on 2/14/68 the court entered an order denying petition for rehearing. *77*

It is noted that on 12/13/67 the Court of Appeals reversed judgments of conviction of all subjects and remanded for further proceedings. The Government-Appellee filed a petition for rehearing on 1/5/68.

Copy of the briefs for petition for rehearing and answers have been obtained. The briefs will be summarized and submitted to the Bureau.

AUSA \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago, advised SA PARKER on 2/26/68 that the Government will retry all subjects. The case will probably be set for trial some time in March and probably will not be tried until mid or late 1968. *49-15138 141*

Appellate action in this matter is being followed by the Chicago Office and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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A review of docket number 64 CR 411, USDC, Chicago on 3/22/68, by SA WILLIAM M. PARKER reflected the following information:

On 3/19/68, the court ordered the cause set for trial 6/3/68. All defendants were ordered to appear in open court with their attorneys on 5/29/68, at 10:00 AM and all pre-trial motions to be made at that time.

On 3/21/68, a motion of defendant LEO RUGENDORF to withdraw plea of not guilty and enter plea of guilty in lieu thereof with respect to count one granted by Judge JOSEPH SAM PERRY. RUGENDORF committed for one year and one day under Section 4208 (a) (2). The defendant's motion for reconsideration and for probation entered, taken under advisement and continued generally. Defendant's bond to stand.

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Chicago will follow re-trial and keep Bureau advised. An amended FD-84 for RUGENDORF will be submitted to the Bureau.